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For 5th time, feds reject NMI request for Kagman health center

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For the fifth time, the CNMI's application for a federal grant fund that will be used to build a Kagman Community Health Center has been rejected.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) wrote to acting governor Eloy S. Inos yesterday about the rejection of the Federally Qualified Health Center funding grant application.

"I understand this is the fifth unsuccessful attempt," Sablan told Inos. "And it is especially disheartening given the $80,000 planning grant that the Department of Public Health was able to obtain with my support in August 2009."

Sablan said his support in 2009 was

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Worker rule out on Sept. 7

Syed off to DC to lobby Congress

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan said yesterday that the long-delayed final regulations governing foreign workers in the CNMI will be published in the Federal Register on Sept. 7 in Washington, D.C. (Sept. 8 in the CNMI).

Sablan

Syed

However, the transitional Commonwealth-only worker regulations will be placed on public inspection a day earlier or on Sept. 7 in the CNMI, Sablan said.

At the same time, United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed said yesterday he will go to Washington, D.C. on Sept. 30 to, among other things, request Congress members to introduce legislation on the U.S. Interior's recommendation to grant improved

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) and other lawmakers pose with personnel from the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service after the House adopted on Tuesday a resolution acknowledging the work of NMC-CREES and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in the preparation, publication and dissemination of the 2011-2015 Aquaculture Development Plan for the CNMI.

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Cabrera

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) announced yesterday that the leadership will introduce a new House bill seeking to legalize casino gambling on Saipan, a plan that has perplexed senators who already killed a similar proposal last year and are now threatening to bring to court a local casino bill that they say is unconstitutional.

The new bill may be introduced as

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Medicare team makes surprise visit to CHC

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A seven-member team from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services are on island in a surprise visit to the Commonwealth Health Center and Hemodialysis Center.

Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez was seen meeting with the Medicate representatives yesterday at his office.

While he confirmed the team's visit, Villagomez didn't disclose other details of their activities.

"Yes, they're here and they're doing a thorough checking on everything," he said in a short interview.

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Local

Sunlar Solar to build solar power plants on Saipan

A China-based "green" energy company, Sunlan Solar Company Ltd., will be opening up an office on Saipan to assist the CNMI with its alternative "green" energy needs, according to a statement yesterday.

Sunlan Solar, headquartered in Jinan, Shandong province of China, said that it will fully finance, build, and operate solar photovoltaic power plants on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Its overall goal is to create an immediate savings to end-users by as much as 50 percent or close to it.

"With the developments of solar power plants, the CNMI will experience lower power rates for the benefit of all consumers to include households, schools, institutions, as well as most private businesses in the islands," the statement adds.

Sunlan Solar has extensive experience in the manufacture, installation, and operation of solar power. It has offices in Frankfurt, Germany; Los Angeles, Calif.; and three major offices in mainland China and is headed by its president and CEO, Samson Zhang.

Sunlan Solar recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the CNMI government to begin a pilot solar power plant project, starting with a 1-megawatt power plant for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study, with the intent to expand up to 20 MW once the certification and confirmation of the feasibility study is completed.

The company intends, during phase one, to break up the 20 MW project into 5 MW power plant each at four different locations throughout Saipan, to provide affordable power to the community and businesses alike. All solar power plants, as based on the MOA, will be built on leased public lands and, with the MOA signed, the company will immediately begin investing in the CNMI with the target of creating the first 5 MW power plant by the end of this year.

Other than providing affordable power rates on the islands, the company project will also create job opportunities to include future donations of various lighting solar products and other benefits to the community.

The company currently has an ongoing solar power plant project with a U.S. company, South California Edison Power Co., in California and a photovoltaic solar project with Frankfurt's municipal government in Germany. ***(PR)***

Host families wanted for Japanese students

Local families are needed to host Japanese students who will be coming from Japan in November.

Executive secretary Vinycia Seman of the Saipan Mayor's Office said a group of 90 students will be on island from Nov. 9 to 14 through the Saipan Business Language Institute student cultural exchange program.

The students, Seman said, will learn and experience island lifestyle, culture, customs, and language and will engage in different activities, including visits to the Aging Center, American Memorial Park Museum, and Mañagaha island.

"Hosting an exchange student will be a rewarding and educational experience for all family members. Because of technology, local families are able to keep in better contact with the child they hosted and continue to build a closer relationship," said Seman.

She said host families will pick up the students at 4pm on Nov. 11. The students will spend the entire day of Nov. 12 with their host families. The families will then drop off the students back to the hotel on Nov. 13 for a farewell barbecue dinner.

According to Seman, SBLI will give a compensation of $140 to each family that will host two students to express their appreciation to the host family's hospitality.

Seman said interested families need to fill out the Host Family Application Form, which is available at the Saipan Mayor's Office. For more information, call 234-6208 or email vseman.mos@gmail.com. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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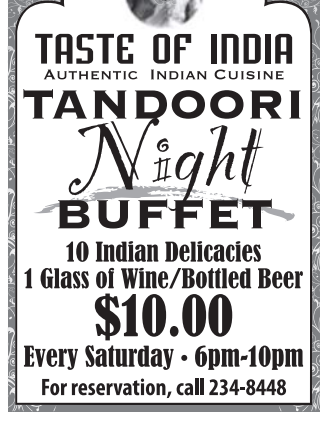

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MBA founder Robert Berkey passes away

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Robert Lon Berkey, founder and pioneer of the Marianas Baptist Church and Academy on island, recently passed away in California. He was 86.

Berkey founded the Marianas Baptist Church on Oct. 7, 1975, and later established the academy in 1984 where he presided as its president for 27 years. He named Yang Hoon Lee as his successor.

According to news reports, Berkey died at a California military retirement home near San Francisco in Yountville, California, where he spent his last five years.

MBA principal Ramir Trinidad confirmed yesterday Berkey's passing and expressed his deep condolences to the family.

Trinidad described the former academy president as a dedicated and committed leader, living his life as a good example and inspiration to his peers.

Berkey retired from service in 2007, the same year when Trinidad last saw him on island.

If there's one thing Trinidad admired most about the academy president, he said it was Berkey's "positive attitude."

According to a website of one of his siblings, Berkey graduated from Bremerton High School just in time for World War II. He was accepted for a V-12 Flight Training Program in Valley City, then went on to the Great Lakes Training Center and afterward into the Submarine Training Service where he remained until the war ended. During this time, he also became a quartermaster, met and married his wife Lisa, and fathered three children: John, Dyanne and Susan.

It was learned that Berkey left the Navy to become a Southern Baptist minister and had a number of congregations in the U.S., then Hawaii for some 10 years, where his children grew up, then 15 or more years on Saipan where he also founded the academy.

MBA, over the years, has graduated many top-ranked and award-winning students.

2nd suspect in alleged beating, attempted robbery is arrested

Police arrested Wednesday afternoon the second suspect in the alleged beating of four male juveniles during an attempted robbery in Garapan.

Michael Chipwelong, 24, was arrested for attempted robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Chipwelong was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for his initial court appearance. His bail was set at $11,250 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 8 at 9am.

A private counsel will be appointed for Chipwelong.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja prohibited Chipwelong from having direct or indirect contact with the four alleged victims.

As part of his bail conditions, Chipwelong is also barred from consuming any alcoholic beverages.

Chipwelong's companion, Joy I. Fred, 19, was arrested on Wednesday at noon and was taken to court that afternoon. The same bail amount was imposed on Fred.

Police investigation showed that four male juveniles—ages 14, 15, 16, and 17—were walking toward Garapan Street Market when Fred and Chipwelong, who appeared intoxicated, approached them near Dollar Days in western Garapan last Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6:37pm.

Fred allegedly demanded money from the juveniles and when the juveniles replied that none of them had any, the suspects tried to take the watch and necklace of the two juveniles.

A fight ensued between Fred and Chipwelong and the two juveniles.

Fred chased one victim and tried to hit him with a coconut as the three other juveniles ran away.

When the four juveniles reached Duty Free Shoppers in Garapan, one of them sought help from a security personnel, who called the police.

Police officers later found the suspects near Capitol Bowling Center in Garapan. The two were arrested and were later released as police conducted further investigation.

Police served arrest warrants on the suspects on Wednesday. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Over 4 millions meals to be served to CNMI students this school year

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Over four million meals will be distributed to schoolchildren in school year 2011-2012, according to Public School System federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh yesterday.

The meals will cover 13,300 students in 20 public schools; enrollees in 32 private schools; and students enrolled at 10 Head Start centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

For breakfast delivery alone, PSS estimates to serve over a million meals during the entire course of the school year. It is also expected to serve 2.1 million lunches and 960,000 nutritious snacks.

Commonwealth public schools will start school year 2011-2012 on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8:30am.

Thornburgh said all these meals—breakfast, lunch, and snacks—will be funded by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutrition assistance service.

For fiscal year 2012, PSS was awarded $9,517,089 million in total NAP assistance for the meal program--an increase of about $500,000 over the $9 million awarded in fiscal year 2011.

Thornburgh said that PSS has noted an increase in the number of meals it provides to students every year. For the more than four million meals this school year, total expenditure is projected to reach $9.6 million, he added.

School meals are formulated following USDA guidelines for nutritional content and are designed by a PSS nutritionist in collaboration with food vendors.

Thornburgh assured that meal vendors and suppliers are fully prepared for the start of classes. He said PSS has about eight meal vendors for both public and private school students.

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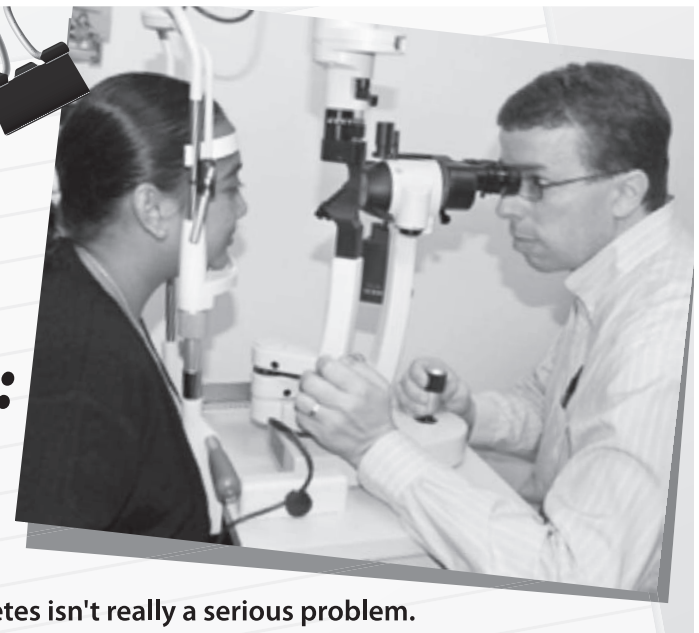

Question #1:

True or False

1. Having diabetes isn't really a serious problem.

*False: "Diabetes causes more deaths every year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke." *Source: American Diabetes Association

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Scholarship fund distribution bill goes to governor

Gone were the debates and hostilities of the previous day's budget deliberation when the House smoothly passed yesterday morning six measures, including a Senate bill that allows scholarship payments on a pro-rate basis instead of by batches.

By a vote of 18-0 with two absences, the House passed without amendment Senate President Paul Manglona's (Ind-Rota) Senate Bill 17-69 on first and final reading.

The bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), now goes to the governor for action.

"This bill will allow every student who qualifies for a scholarship to receive a check each time there is an allotment for scholarship payment, until such time that all scholarships are funded," the bill says.

Manglona said he's thankful for the House for passing a bill that will help CNMI students.

"This relief is long-overdue," he added.

5 other bills passed

The five other bills also passed by an 18-0 vote each. Of the 20 House members, only Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) were absent.

The other bills passed were:

- HB 17-178 by Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), renaming the Garapan/Chinatown Head Start Center the "Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center," in recognition of Rabauliman's contributions to Saipan.
- HB 17-193, House Draft 1 by Villagomez, strengthening provisions regarding sex crimes and domestic violence.
- HB 17-14, HD1, also by Villagomez, transfers the administrative functions of the Workers' Compensation Law from the NMI Retirement Fund to the Department of Commerce.
- HB 17-185, D1, also by Villagomez, authorizing the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides.
- HB 17-209, Senate Substitute 1, changing the composition of the MVA's board of directors. The bill now goes to the governor for action. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Principals' representative on *Marianas Agupa*

Tomorrow, Sept. 3, 2011, *Marianas Agupa* will feature Jonas Barcinas, principal of Hopwood Jr. High School, from 10am to 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. The discussion will be on the students' back to school, student achievements within the PSS, the use of technology, Chamorro language in schools and student-teacher ratio in schools. The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. It will also feature reports by Joseph S. Inos, Thomas D. Mendiola, Juanita Mendiola, and David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

MEDICARE

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Villagomez would not say how long the team will be on island and refused to comment on the team's initial observations.

The team arrived on Monday and immediately met with Health Department officials and staff.

In January 2010, Medicare received a complaint about the hospital's services, prompting them to conduct an investigation. The federal agency found serious deficiencies in the hospital's services and threatened to terminate its "provider agreement" if corrective actions are not taken. CHC was also placed on a severe status of "jeopardy."

The 112-page Statement of Deficiencies particularly took issue with the hospital's nursing services, citing six concerns involving its governing body, quality assessment and performance improvement, medical staff, nursing services, radiologic services, and infection control.

CHC later submitted plans to Medicare on how it intends to resolve all deficiencies found during the investigation survey. This week's inspection aims to validate these "corrective plans."

Gayline Blau, the hospital's acting nursing director, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she met the Medicare team on Monday and accompanied them to areas and sections that they wanted to inspect.

Blau said the inspection is not yet finished and she can't say if there will be an exit interview later.

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predicated on representations that the planning grant would be used to hire a consultant and grant writer with previous experiences and success in applying for FQHC funding.

The delegate said he's hoping that the administration will not give up in its attempt to establish a needed health center, and that it will consider other opportunities such as certification of an FQHC Look-Alike "which can sometimes be a precursor to establishment of a full-fledged Federally Qualified Health Center."

The acting governor's counsel, Teresa Kim, who is also the acting press secretary, said the Department of Public Health has not received the official letter informing the agency that it did not get the Community Health Center Grant.

"We are awaiting for this letter so that we can properly respond based on the number that we get (i.e., rating). Once we get this notification, we will be in a better position to release more information," Kim said.

Sablan said DPH will receive notification by Sept. 30 regarding the unsuccessful application for FQHC funding.

In his letter, the delegate said there are many benefits to winning designation as an FQHC, besides the up to $650,000 in startup grant.

These include enhanced Medicare reimbursement for health centers, eligibility to buy drugs at reduced prices and access to primary health care professionals working under the auspices of the National Health Service Corps.

Sablan said that an application packet for FQHC Look-Alikes is going out this month and that on Oct. 3, interested organizations may apply online.

"Much of the application already submitted for an FQHC can be reused in seeking Look-Alike designation," he added.

HOUSE

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early as Tuesday.

This measure will try to combine Rep. Froilan Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-55, which the Senate killed exactly a year ago tomorrow, and Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-44, which is now on the governor's desk for action after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed it last week.

Cabrera said the House leadership is taking this route again because of claims that some senators asked them to introduce a new House bill for Senate consideration.

But Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and other senators interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday denied communicating with the House leadership about a new House casino bill that may be entertained by the Senate this time around.

Manglona reiterated his request to the House to instead pass Senate Bill 17-90, which will ask Saipan voters through a special election whether they want to legalize casino gambling on Saipan.

"There's a Senate bill in front of the House. I am still hopeful that if they want to do the right thing, they will listen to the people by allowing a special election to ask them the question," Manglona said.

The Senate president said he has never spoken to the House speaker or any House member regarding a request to pass a new casino bill.

Sens. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately said such House plan on a new casino bill is a surprise to them.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, in a separate interview, meanwhile said the Fitial administration is keeping an open mind on the local casino bill that's up for the governor's action.

Inos said the administration has 40 days from passage of the local bill to act on the local casino legislation.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday he's not aware of a new House casino bill being planned.

"We'll see what happens," he said.

Cabrera said if the Senate passes the new House casino bill, then the House leadership could ask the governor to "set aside" the local casino bill "for the health, safety, and the welfare of our sister islands."

The speaker said the House leadership is not introducing a new bill so as to avoid the lawsuit that the Senate is planning to file. Some House members wanted the Senate to bring the matter to court now so that the question of constitutionality can be addressed once and for all.

The speaker said he has assigned Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chair Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) from the minority group to work on the new casino bill.

Cost of special election

Cabrera said that SB 17-90, which he's referring also to the JGO Committee, does not address the funding needed to hold a special election.

He said holding a regular election costs $65,000 to $80,000.

But Manglona said the special election the Senate is proposing to be held within 90 days from signing of SB 17-90 could only cost $5,000 to $7,000.

He said the $5,000 will be for a special election for those voters on island, and an additional $2,000 if Saipan residents now living off island will be included.

Manglona said the Senate is looking at a simple ballot with a box for a "yes" or "no" answer to the question whether Saipan voters approve of casinos on the island.

The last time Saipan voters rejected the same question was in 2007.

Manglona also said the Senate is looking at amending or suspending election laws or regulations to allow only two polling places on Saipan for the casino question—one in the south and one in the north.

"The ballots will also be hand-counted to save money," he added.

Robert Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said in a separate interview yesterday that the figures that the commission is looking at are more than Manglona's figures and lesser than Cabrera's figures.

Guerrero said election regulations require more than two polling places on Saipan, among other things.

He said Northern Islands residents cannot be deprived of their right to vote, so the election commission needs to charter a boat to the Northern Islands and this will cost some $10,000 to $14,000.

Sending out and receiving back ballots of off-island voters costs $3 to $5 per absentee ballot, and there are some 1,200 absentee voters for a total of $3,600 to $6,000.

"There's no formal communication with the Legislature about this, so that we'd know what they really want," he said in a phone interview.

WORKER

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immigration status to long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Sablan had already introduced HR 1466, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI. He said that Interior has never recommended legislation for its recommendations.

Syed pointed out that HR 1466 does not cover all legal, long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Sablan and Syed, together with the rest of the community, have been waiting for the actual release of the CW rule, almost two years since the federal government took control of CNMI immigration.

The delegate said the public inspection version of the document is simply a pre-publication Word version of the document that's available online one day prior to formal, official publication.

"The official, Federal Register publication date/document of Wednesday, 9/7/11 (Thursday, 9/8/11 ChST), is the document and date to which effective dates, legal citations, etc., are derived and applied," Sablan said.

Sablan's announcement came after Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano signed the regulations, paving the way its publication.

The worker regulations will lay out the process for employers to obtain a special CNMI-only visa for their workers who do not qualify for any other U.S. visa category.

This CNMI-only visa will allow them to continue working in the Northern Marianas, but not in any other part of the U.S. The visa will be available until the end of the immigration transition period, scheduled for 2014.

Syed said he hopes that the rule will be able to accommodate as many foreign workers as possible.

The movement also wants to know whether the final CW rule will still require foreign workers to secure parole or advance parole every time they re-enter the CNMI from vacations or emergency leaves.

Because of the possible massive application for CW visas once the regulations are published, Syed said the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services should consider sending representatives to Saipan to personally process the applications, instead of having these applications sent and processed in Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Missouri, California or other states, then sent back to the CNMI.

"We already experienced long application period for advance parole because the applications had to be sent outside the CNMI and processed outside the CNMI," Syed told *Saipan Tribune*.

There's less than three months to go before the Nov. 27 expiration of the two-year period allowed under the federalization law wherein workers can still remain in the CNMI using a Commonwealth-issued permit.

After Nov. 27, foreign workers need to have a U.S. employment visa such as a transitional CW visa or an H visa, or they could face deportation.

Marie Thérèse Sebrechts, regional media manager for DHS' U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, earlier said that an outreach team will be coming to the CNMI later this month to hold briefing sessions and answer questions from the public about the regulations.

The team will include USCIS district director David Gulick, a community relations officer, a press officer, an officer from the California Service Center division that handles CNMI applications, and staff members from the USCIS legal counsel and policy who are familiar with the CNMI regulations.

DC-bound

The release of the CW rule will not have anything to do with proposals or requests to grant improved immigration status to long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Syed said that UWM-NMI continues to push for improved immigration status for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI, specifically "green card" or pathway to U.S. citizenship.

He will be off to Washington, D.C. on Sept. 30 to meet with Congress members and request for the introduction of a legislation that will reflect the Interior's recommendation to grant improved status for foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years.

These recommendations include conferring outright U.S. citizenship on these long-term aliens by an act of Congress, granting them permanent residency status leading to U.S. citizenship, or granting them a status similar to those given to citizens from the Freely Associated States.

Unlike millions of immigrants in the U.S., Syed said these foreign workers in the CNMI came to the CNMI legally and possess U.S. social security numbers.

During his trip to the nation's capital, Syed will also be meeting with non-government organizations and members of the national and international press to share with them the plight of thousands of long-term foreign workers in the Commonwealth.

Senate looks at passing FY 2012 budget bill on Sept. 8

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With less than a month to work on a budget bill that the House worked on for four months, the Senate said yesterday it's going to pass on Sept. 8 a $102-million spending package that could be in the form of a substitute bill, mainly to give additional funding to education.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, at the same time, said the administration is now preparing an emergency declaration in the event that a budget is not passed and signed into law before the start of fiscal year 2012 on Oct. 1.

An emergency declaration from the governor is needed to be able to identify government employees who will be exempted from a shutdown, in the absence of a legislation defining "critical" service employee positions.

"The budget [process] is not difficult…It's the political decision associated with the budget [that] is the tough part. We're not the Legislature; they are," said Inos, who also oversees government finances.

The Senate received the official transmission of the budget bill, House Bill 17-215, House Substitute 1, House Draft 5, yesterday afternoon.

The House passed the fiscal year 2012 budget bill on Wednesday night, barely a month before the start of the new fiscal year.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately said that while the Senate is given a small window of opportunity to review the House-passed bill, they will act expeditiously to avoid another government shutdown.

Under the Constitution, the government will have to shut down if there's no budget passed before the start of a new fiscal year. The shutdown will remain until a new budget is passed and enacted. Lawmakers also won't be able to receive their salaries during the duration of the shutdown.

Manglona, Taimanao, and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) met yesterday afternoon with Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart and other NMC officials to discuss the college's request to have a budget of at least $5.2 million to meet federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements.

The House budget bill gives NMC a $4,018,800 budget.

The senators said they will also meet with Public School System officials to go over their budget request. PSS said the House budget is short of $106,000 to meet the maintenance-of-effort requirement of the U.S. Department of Education.

Other defeated floor amendments that members of the House minority could also be resurrected by the nine-member Senate.

Because of the Senate's anticipated amendments to the House budget bill, the House may reject the Senate version and a conference committee will be formed once again.

The conference committee will comprise Senate and House members who will work on a budget bill agreeable to both chambers. When that bill is done, it again has to be passed by the House and Senate before reaching the governor's desk.

Last year, a budget deadlock between the House and Senate led to a government shutdown and unemployment among over 1,000 employees for days.

The acting governor said last year's shutdown "is a difficult lesson."

"Like I said, we're gearing up for possible shutdown…Hopefully, we will have the House and the Senate agree on a budget bill that we will eventually sign into law," Inos said.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that the House has its reasons for introducing the budget bill only recently but he said the Senate already had an idea of what a 2012 budget bill will entail since April 1 when Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted his budget to the Legislature.

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Quichocho, landowner found liable for breach of land lease

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The federal court yesterday issued a ruling favorable to an investor who sued lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho and landowner Joaquin Q. Atalig for breaching a land lease agreement when they terminated a 55-year lease less than two years later despite having already paid $218,000.

In a 55-page opinion and order, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett found Quichocho and Atalig liable to Sin Ho Nam for breach of contract.

Bennett said that Nam's remedies or question of damages and the entirety of his claim for breach of fiduciary duty against Quichocho will proceed to trial.

While contract law does not contain a "smell test," Bennett said the facts of this exotic island real estate contract dispute between a Saipan lawyer lessor and a Korean businessman lessee "reek with the pungency of a five-week-old, unrefrigerated dead [red-grilled emperor] fish."

"I find that the odor here is so profound that no reasonable jury could be in doubt about the outcome on many of the claims and counterclaims asserted, so that summary judgment is warranted on those claims," the judge pointed out.

The judge also denied the motion of Quichocho and Atalig to strike the declaration of attorney Stephen Nutting.

Nam offered Nutting's declaration to support his motion for summary judgment. That declaration alleged similar conduct of Quichocho and Atalig relating to other properties.

Bennett said the defendants are not seeking to strike matter from a pleading, but, instead, are attempting to strike a declaration offered in support of Nam's motion for summary judgment.

"As a result, the defendants' motion to strike is improper under Rule 12(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and, consequently, is denied," the judge said.

Attorney Colin Thompson is counsel for Nam. Attorney Michael Dotts is counsel for the defendants.

On the breach claim, Bennett said the requirement to show that Nam has stopped paying rent to demonstrate abandonment is missing, since it is undisputed that Nam prepaid the rent for the entirety of the 55-year lease term.

Moreover, the judge noted, Quichocho and Atalig showed no proof demonstrating that Nam had "vacated" the leased property or that he had no present intention of returning.

Bennett said the ground lease did not require Nam to occupy, improve, build on, or do anything with the premises during his tenancy.

"It simply permitted him to "use, improve, and develop the premises or any part thereof for any lawful use or purpose, provided that lessee shall not commit waste," the judge said.

Freedom Air nixes settlement with ex-judge

The owner of Freedom Air has objected to a settlement conference being asked by former associate judge Juan T. Lizama, who is suing the company when he allegedly nearly fell out of the plane.

In response, Lizama, through counsel David G. Banes, withdrew his request on Wednesday.

Attorney David P. Ledger, counsel for Aviation Services (CNMI) Ltd., which owns Freedom Air, said that Lizama did not give enough advance notice of the settlement conference he is asking for.

"Even if defendant were at this time inclined or at all motivated toward settlement (other than a dismissal by plaintiff), sufficient notice must be provided in order for defendant to consult with counsel and thereafter have adequate time to prepare an assessment and come up with a cogent settlement strategy," said Ledger.

So far as Freedom Air is concerned, Ledger said, the case is not ripe for any settlement discussions. The lawyer said that Freedom Air is not prepared to discuss payment of any compensation to Lizama to settle the case.

Lizama sued Aviation Services for negligence and violation of the CNMI Consumer Protection Act. He alleged that he nearly fell out of the Freedom Air's plane when the door suddenly opened while the aircraft was airborne during a flight from Saipan to Tinian in 2009.

Freedom Air, however, argued that any problem that Lizama may have actually experienced with the plane was of his own doing. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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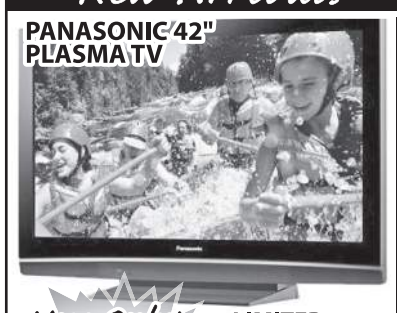

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Saipan company settles EEOC lawsuit for $80K

AA Enterprises, Inc., which operates a chain of gas stations on Saipan, will pay $80,000 and furnish other relief to settle a pregnancy discrimination and retaliation lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the agency announced yesterday.

According to the EEOC suit, AA Enterprises singled out at least four female nonresident gas station workers, requiring them to pay for their own pregnancy-related medical expenses while paying for the expenses of employees with other medical conditions. The pregnant staffers were threatened with termination if they did not agree to pay for their own medical expenses, and at least two of the women were ultimately fired by the gas station manager within two weeks of reporting the discrimination to the EEOC.

Pregnancy discrimination and retaliation for complaining about it violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. The EEOC filed suit in U.S. District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands (EEOC v. AA Enterprises, Inc., Case No. CV 10-0024) after first attempting to reach a pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process.

The parties entered into a three-year consent decree, requiring AA Enterprises to pay $80,000 in back pay and compensatory damages to the affected pregnant staff. In order to prevent future violations, the decree further requires AA Enterprises to implement EEOC-approved anti-discrimination and anti-retaliation policies and complaint procedures; have annual compliance training for all staff; designate an internal EEO officer; create an internal tracking system to monitor internal discrimination and retaliation complaints; post an EEOC notice on the matter; and report the handling of such complaints to the EEOC.

In a statement, AA Enterprises counsel, Robert Torres, said: "AA Enterprises has committed to the consent decree and the corrective measures required. It looks forward to continuing its business while complying with all legal regulatory requirements including those of EEOC. The company has decided to reach resolution in this manner after considering the costs of litigation versus the benefits of resolution. Having done so, it will comply and continue its commitment to serving the CNMI community."

"Pregnancy discrimination is a continuing problem in the CNMI," said Anna Y. Park, regional attorney for the EEOC's Los Angeles District Office, which has jurisdiction over the CNMI. "We hope that employers will follow the lead by AA Enterprises in implementing policies and practices needed to ensure the equal treatment of pregnant women in the workplace."

Timothy Riera, director of the EEOC's Honolulu Local Office, said, "Retaliation continues to be an issue in the CNMI. Workers should be encouraged to approach management with their complaints and concerns about discrimination. It is important that employers take seriously their legal obligation to ensure an environment where workers feel free to exercise their civil rights." ***(EEOC/Saipan Tribune)***

NMI behavioral health survey out

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The Department of Public Health and the Department of Commerce released yesterday the Commonwealth Behavioral Health Survey following three months of rigorous work.

The survey report fulfills the intent of the memorandum of understanding between the two departments signed in December last year.

Composed of 56 total questionnaires, the survey captures the national outcome measure indicators for adult substance abuse and includes additional indicators related to mental health and the smoke-free law, Public Law 16-46.

According to DPH and Commerce, data obtained from the survey provide important baseline record for the various public health programs and will be analyzed further for additional information for program use and for grant management.

It is the purpose of the survey to collect cross-section data about the use and attitudes toward the use of alcohol, tobacco, and others drugs.

In a statement yesterday, DPH said that data from this survey is considered the first of its kind in the CNMI and will be used by the DPH Community Guidance Center and other health officials to produce national outcome measures for the CNMI in the areas of behavioral health.

Topics and instruments covered by the survey include use of tobacco, betel nut with tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, heroin, crack or cocaine, and methamphetamine, hallucinogens, inhalants, prescription drugs, and mental illness and stigma.

Saipan Tribune learned that the data collection was completed in a three-month period from April 23 through July 15. It used 1,626 households as respondents, comprising 4,208 individual persons with an average household size of 3.4 persons.

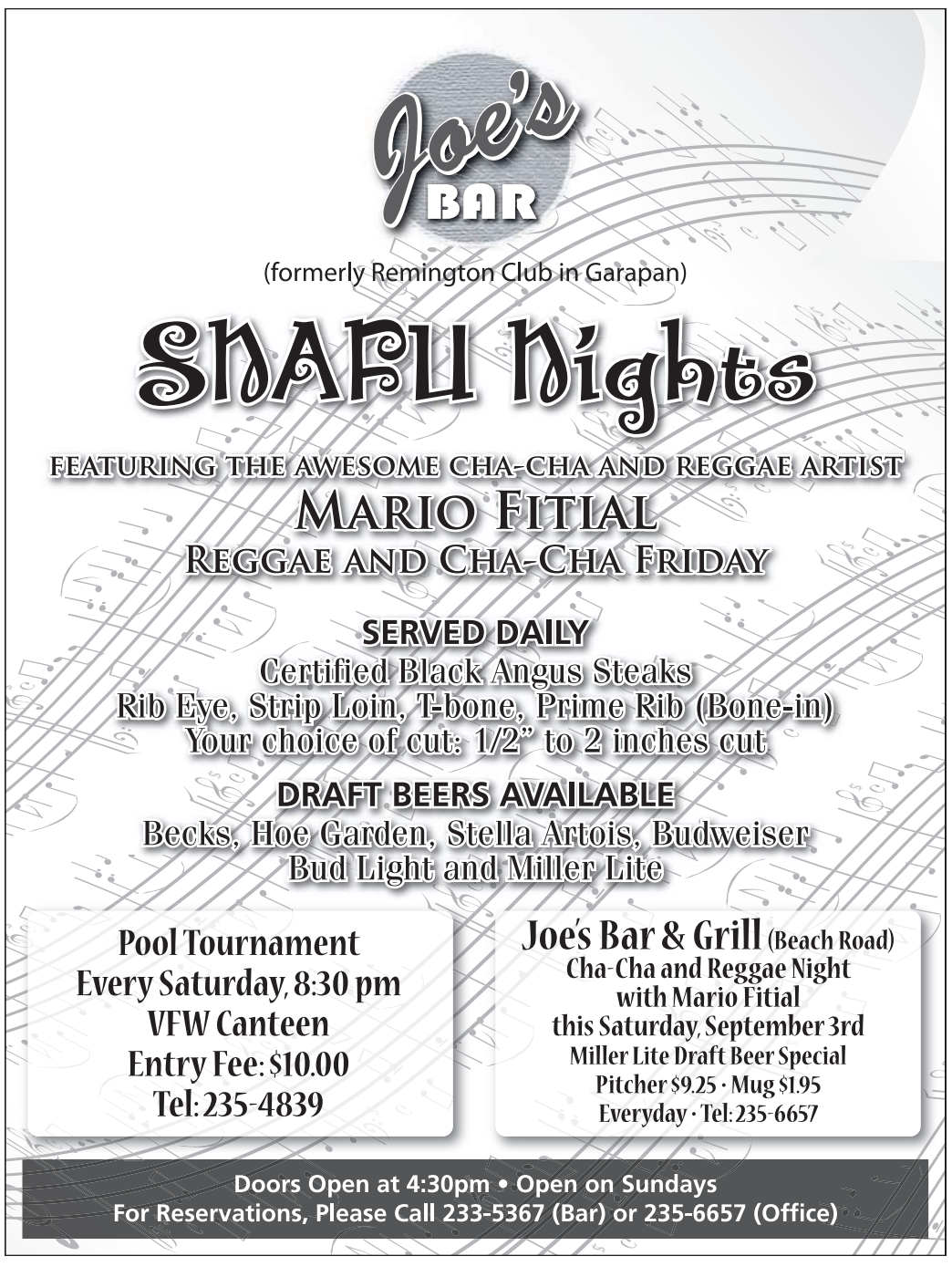
Of the 4,208 respondents, 2,729 were 18 years and older.

Based on the 210-page survey result released yesterday, majority of respondents did not show a great risk of dependency or substance abuse in the last 30 days they were asked on the date the survey was conducted.

Summary statistics of the survey report, however, indicated that many of the respondents are not fully aware of the smoke-free law of the Commonwealth but expressed support for its implementation.

DPH and Commerce said that in addition to meeting data gaps and providing baseline adult substance data, the survey also provides more documented assessment of the needs in the Commonwealth and foster data-driven priorities and decisions related to behavioral health evidence-based programs and practices.

The survey was conducted by DOC's central statistics division and was prepared by Wil Maui, who served as survey consultant.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With only one engine operating at Power Plant 1 since Friday, the island has been running on just 19 megawatts of power. As of yesterday afternoon, engine six at Power Plant 1 was the only engine working, said Antonio Muña, executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Nine of the 10 engines at Power Plant 4 continue to run. It takes about 41 megawatts to power the entire island of Saipan. This means a deficit of about 22 megawatts.

NMI govt objects to marine monument plan

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP)—The territorial government of the Northern Mariana Islands is clashing with the Bush administration and conservationists who want to protect the ocean surrounding several Pacific atolls and reefs. A delegation from Saipan made it clear last week at meetings of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force in Hawaii that they do not like the ambitious marine protection efforts of the federal government or the Pew Charitable Trust. Last Monday, Bush proposed protecting three remote island chains, including the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Election board rescinds decision

The Commission on Election board rescinded yesterday its newly adopted emergency regulations that would have, among other things, changed the format of the ballots that would be used in the Nov. 7 elections. Faced with protesting candidates, mostly independents, the board agreed to go with the original ballot format, where the names of candidates will be grouped according to the position they're running for. The emergency regulations would have grouped candidates according to party. In a statement issued yesterday, election board chair Frances M. Sablan informed all candidates that the commission will now "follow the intent" of Public Law 15-7 for the November election.

Sablan to seek 'missing,' new docs on federalization suit

Rep. Tina Sablan (I-Saipan) said yesterday she will ask the Fitial administration for "missing" records and more recent billings and payments, a day after she received and reviewed 30 pages of documents showing that the CNMI had been billed close to $400,000 between August 2008 and February 2009 by the U.S.-based law firm representing the Commonwealth in its fight against federalization. "There appears to be significant gaps in the records released so far," she said, adding that the decision of the CNMI Supreme Court and the Superior Courts is a "significant win for good governance and the right of the people to be informed and retain control over the government that serves them." Press secretary Charles Reyes, when asked for comment, said the Fitial administration welcomes Sablan's request for additional documents.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

'From rags to riches and back to rags in 30 years'

In a span of 30 years, the CNMI has gone from rags to riches and is now nearly back to rags. That's how Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan described the CNMI economy in his address yesterday to members of the largest business organization in the islands with some 150 members. Between the early '80s and into the '90s, the CNMI rose from obscurity to being the "brightest star on the Pacific horizon," he said, referring to the development of the garment and tourism industries. A combination of factors, including the Asian economic crisis, 9/11 attacks, SARS, the pullout of Japan Airlines, and poor advance planning combined to cause a spiraling fall into recession by 2000.

Saipan Tribune launches 'Partners in Education' campaign

The Saipan Tribune is proud to announce the launching of its "Partners In Education" program for school year 2010-2011. Any interested companies and/or individuals may sponsor one or multiple copies of the Saipan Tribune for donation to any educational institution on Saipan. The newspaper is the most current textbook available for students. The Saipan Tribune, along with the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, launched this pilot program at the Dandan Elementary School in 2009, much to the delight of the teachers and students alike. Teachers were able to read current stories to their students and explain issues surrounding the environment, economy, and government operations. Students enjoyed reading and using the newspapers for special projects and reports.

Garrison's return to SSHS dim after vice principal post scrapped

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The chances of Craig Garrison returning to Saipan Southern High School this school year appears to be dim following the elimination of the school's vice principal position that he had applied for.

Saipan Tribune learned about this development Wednesday and was confirmed by Garrison, a former vice principal and principal of Saipan Southern High before becoming the principal at Marianas High School last year.

He confirmed that he was informed by PSS of the unavailability of the position because it was "inadvertently overlooked."

"According to your employment application you indicated that you wanted to be placed on the eligibility list for Saipan Southern High School. However, we will not be able to establish an eligibility list for that school since the job vacancy announcement was inadvertently overlooked by our office and there is no vacancy for the school vice principal position at Saipan Southern High School at the moment," states the PSS notice.

However, PSS informed Garrison that there are vacancies available for San Vicente Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, Hopwood Jr. High School, and Marianas High School.

Garrison said he's fine with that and believes he will do a great job at any school he may be assigned to, although he is disappointed in the decision to eliminate the position at SSHS.

Garrison, citing "irreconcilable differences" with Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, resigned from his position as MHS principal in July. He later rescinded his resignation but was not allowed to return to his post due to new appointments made by the commissioner. He then applied for the vice principal position at SSHS when it was announced.

Dela Cruz eyes relocation of Tinian Mayor's Office

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Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz disclosed yesterday that he plans to relocate the entire Tinian Mayor's Office and its key departments to a new site to save on cost.

The municipality currently pays a private landowner monthly rental of $3,000—an amount he believes would only go higher in the future.

Dela Cruz wants to transfer his offices to either a government-owned facility or a private but less costly space.

"Although we're current in our rental fee for now, we need to make plans on how we can generate savings. Relocating to a government-owned facility or moving to a private space but at a lesser cost…will greatly help our government," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said the municipality is now assessing the potential cost if minor repairs are done on some government buildings on island.

The mayor said they will do a cost-analysis that will guide them to reach a sound and practical decision.

Tinian was appropriated a budget of $4.2 million this fiscal year. This is a steep drop when compared to fiscal year 2006 when revenue from casino operation stood at $4.9 million.

Since he assumed office, Dela Cruz said he had cut down the number of employees from over 200 to less than 100.

Since May, the municipality has never received its allotment for operations due to the central government's cash-flow problems, Dela Cruz said. He estimates the operational deficit to reach over $200,000 by the end of this fiscal year.

Besides the workforce cuts, hiring and travel freezes were also implemented, and that includes the mayor's trips off-island. "We're struggling but we're making good with whatever we have," said Dela Cruz.

He also disclosed yesterday the relocation of the CNMI's Department of Finance office on Tinian to the Department of Land and Natural Resources office. The transfer was due to the unpaid and increasing rental fees, amounting to $2,500 monthly. Dela Cruz said the government is behind in its rent for more than a year now.

"We moved it to the DLNR office today to stop the government bleeding," he added.

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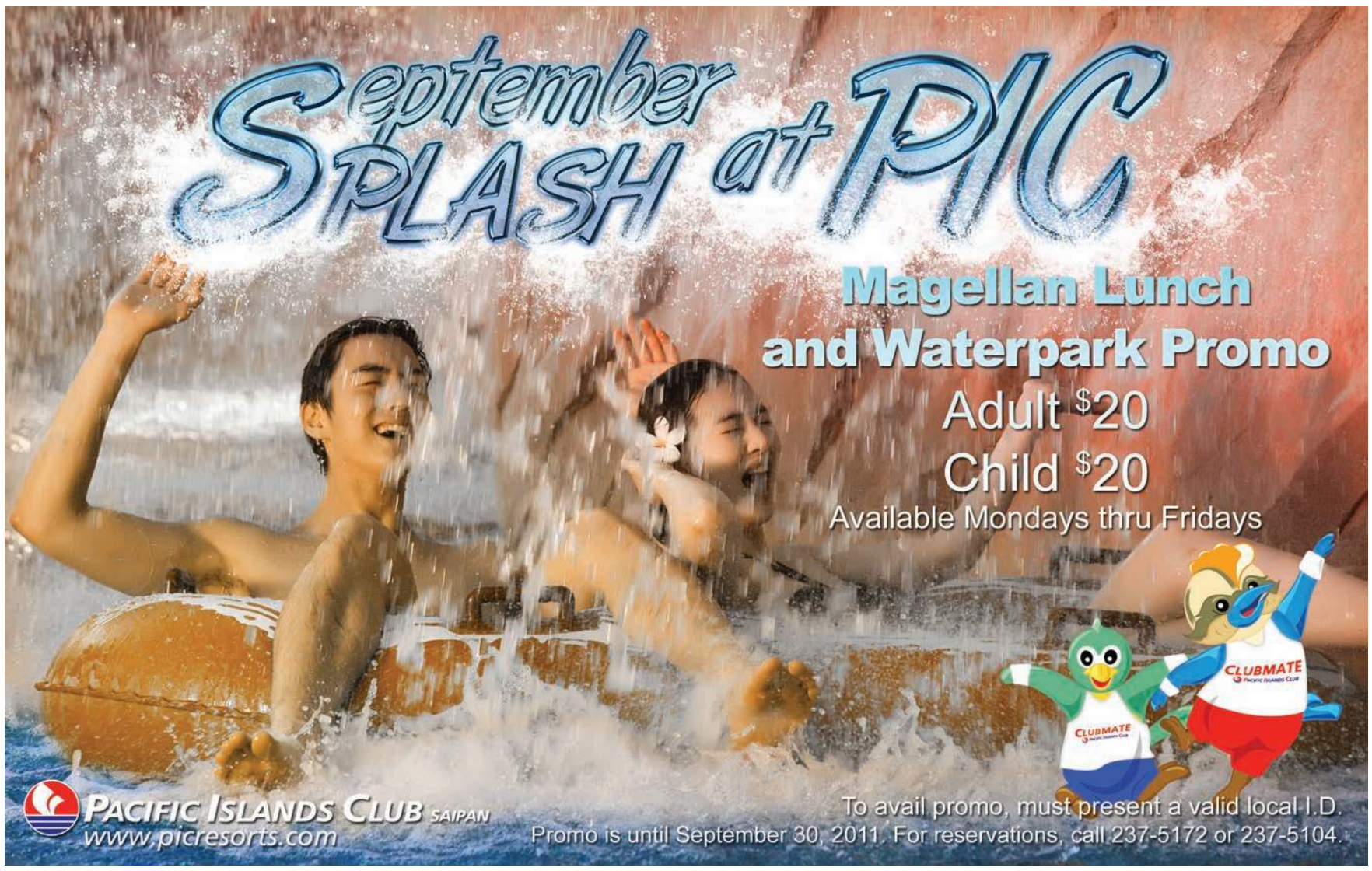
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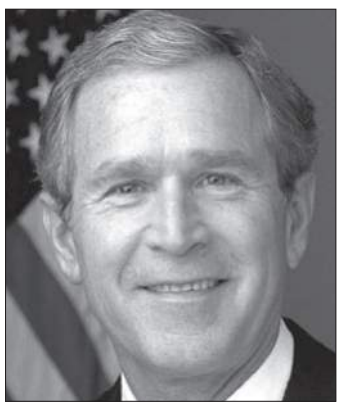
The difference between Bush and Perry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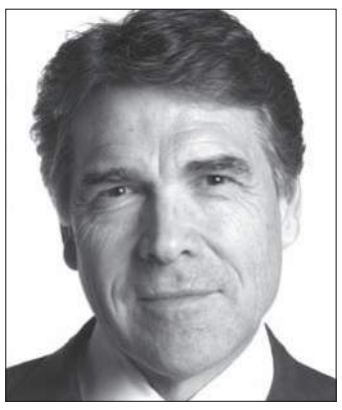
PERRY

By WILLIAM MCKENZIE
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Do George W. Bush and Rick Perry loathe each other? Are they blood enemies?

There's plenty of speculation these days about a personal animosity. Jeb Bush, the former president's brother, says none exists. After covering both Texans, I still don't know.

But I do know this: The distinction runs deeper than any personal grievance. The differences are more profound. And understanding them is a key to understanding Texas politics, which many around the country are trying to do again with Perry running for the White House.

Both are conservatives, but they come at politics from competing spheres—and I don't mean Yale vs. Texas A&M. The universes represent a cleavage between the modern, business-style Texas politician and the cowboy brand of yesteryear.

Despite an occasional inclination for quick-draw comments as president—like his "Bring it on" challenge to Iraqi insurgents—Bush approached politics more as a problem solver. His orientation reflects the career track and culture he was part of before he ran for governor in 1994.

Texas has a broad base of corporate managers, business professionals and independent entrepreneurs. The orientation of this professional class, which includes many engineers and technocrats, is toward getting things done. Or, at least, focusing on how to get things done so their enterprises stay afloat.

If that means taking risks, they will take a calculated one. That's essentially what Bush did when he tackled the state's messed-up school finance system as governor and tried to reform the nation's flawed immigration system as president.

Some Republicans opposed him on both issues. They thought he would spend his political capital unwisely.

They were right in one way: Bush lost those gambles, just as he lost before on oil ventures. But at least he tried to deal with a problem. People derided him for being a CEO president, and indeed he did seem too detached at times, but his MBA background guided his approach to politics.

It also reflected the modern professional class that populates metropolitan areas like Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and Austin-San Antonio. That's where you find the headquarters of such corporate giants as Exxon Mobil, Dell and AT&T.

Perry's style is far more rooted in Texas' past. In some ways, he is closer to the way Lyndon Johnson came up through politics.

Each came from rural communities and had their world widen once they hit college and bigger cities. But they never lost their rooting to Texas' rural, cowboy heritage. Hence, the swagger that Perry brings, just as LBJ had his own in-your-face-Texan style.

Politics also was more of an industry in that older tradition. LBJ

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Eco-democracy 101: How we get there from here

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The core questions raised by the reflections on *The Road from Empire to Eco-democracy* are: How do we get beyond empire? How do we move toward eco-democracy? What are effective strategies for accomplishing this transition?

Visionary clarifications from parts 1, 2, and 3 undergird the above questions, but knowing where we are and where we want to go is only the beginning. We need to inquire into how our experience (not reliance on expert-written manuals) gives us a sense of what could be a plausible path toward this huge and radical change. And who among us are willing to stake a sector and facilitate this glocal movement (toward critical mass for some, against recalcitrants for others) toward this ardent and arduous journey for change?

It is the practices, strategies of action, not the thoughtful intent, that matter. As an old saying goes, "Action removes the doubt that theory cannot solve." Vision is valuable when there are warm bodies who embody it in themselves as a living and moving mission! As the moon shots showed, the persons going to the moon did not have a mission—they were the mission!

We need a big strategic picture in order to locate ourselves in the master drama of change to actually get there from here. A plausible vision is our hope for a viable alternative future lest we fall into sheer denial or debilitating despair.

Getting there from here requires the building within and amongst us a down-to-earth, practical, flexible, hopeful, connected networks of minds. Here lies the most basic of strategies, that we sustain authentic practices of hope in networks of trust and small circles of relationships year after year until the task is done. Such hope building is a core power within our species. When we choose to exercise this power to guide our decisions, it becomes a personal choice of fulfillment and corporate responsibility of efficacy.

We begin with affirming the plausibility of radical change, as has occurred in and of us, regardless of how we deny that "change is constant in human existence." We only need to locate ourselves with the forces of transformation (v. defense and reaction) that already exist in our world. Forces of deconstruction of the archaic and the no-longer-viable systems and structures abound, and forces of transformation eager to penetrate the domain of the unknown live in our neighborhoods, if not residents of our homes. We just need to locate and form small circles with them.

Of one thing we are lucid, it is the role and limits of the electoral process. We need not stray away from the CNMI to see this; Japan is already into its sixth PM in the last five years, nor would we need to close our eyes to the devastation, and promise of the Jasmine remonstrations in the Middle East, which even shudders the Politburo in Beijing. The U.S. and many nation-states are showing failures to govern, and we need not get into finger pointing or blame seeking, for clearly the situation requires a restructuring of the systems of governance itself. New glocal structures need to be built.

Three directions need to be affirmed. One is the validity of nonviolent noncooperation particularly in highly centralized, if not oppressive regimes. We saw its efficacy in the application of the same, e.g., in India (Gandhi), the U.S. (MLK), South Africa (Mandela), and the Philippines (Aquinos). Noncooperation is strengthened by cooperation in small circles that understand the strategic importance of local empowerment. The challenge of radically distinguishing between self-serving ego and assertive selfhood, between the styles of coercive versus facilitative leading, is not unknown in our time.

Reshaping global institutions comes as a high Main Street priority if we are to counter the illusory phantom wealth created by the Wall Streets of the world. Anyone who has watched the entrenched bureaucracies in such institutions as the UN, the World Bank, ADB, G-this & the other, et al, will understand how the institutions move at snail's pace, and how their priorities serve more the captains of commercial, corporate and consumer enterprises who only read the health of the bottom line.

It is in our tactics that we lay our lives. Step-by-step strategy is a necessity of the perpetual revolutionary. Writing manifestos no longer kick-start the engine of change, concerted acts of courage include nonviolent disruption of organized oligarchy when boards and agencies are unresponsive to local sentiments. But the onus of responsibility is on small cadres, cells, and circles willing to see society whole and as a whole. They tackle the ever-unfolding task of recreating a vision, confronting existing contradictions, laying out practical strategies, and initiating tactical catalytic actions.

We might have been a bit pedantic in our treatment of eco-democracy, even as the entire book, *The Road from Empire to Eco-democracy,* may be too brief for huge topics that can easily focus 50 research projects of university doctoral thesis, but it provides an inclusive outline for the necessary dialogue (feedback welcome: jrvergarajr@aol.com), thinking, and action that ordinary glocal citizens need if we are to recreate our common humanity and gain back a healthy planet Earth in Century 21. A colleague's parting shot: "In the end, I'm not as interested in what you have to tell or sell as in how you choose to live and give."

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Misconstrued cultural identity

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There's the suggestion by a proponent to retain Article 12 that it depicts the "identify" of the indigenous people in this archipelago. But I respectfully disagree in hopes of presenting sober analysis on what's the most fundamental change somehow unclear or hidden in stealth fashion in this constitutional provision, its effects on the principle of landownership and the bad blood it has wrought from proponents who use their bigoted racial animus to rhetorically dismember the truth.

Fundamental change vs tradition

For over 400 years we've bestowed full landownership and disposition of private land solely on the landowner. Our ancestors even accepted allowing Chamorro slaves—*Manachañg*—the right to own land as imposed by the Spaniards. We upheld it based on our religious cultural tradition of Christian-Judeo principle. It gradually was cemented into a cultural tradition of full individual landownership in both cultures: Chamorro and Carolinian.

But a critical review of Article 12 reveals the fundamental changes it has inflicted against traditional landownership in these isles of more than four centuries. It robs private landowners half their land and places it in limbo. It robs private landowners the natural right to dispose of their properties as they see fit. It becomes a collectivist or redistributionist dictate or mandate that tailspins into, "It's your land but must seek the permission from others to use it." It forces communal ownership that runs completely contrary to the time-honored tradition of individual landownership upheld by all as a matter of moral obligation.

Can you imagine what becomes of your private land if this redistributionist dictate and agenda are allowed and instituted as the new land tenure system in the CNMI? Even the balance of your private land may be confiscated so it becomes communal property. In effect, you lose your private land because the seed has been planted in our "feel good" Article 12 of the NMI Constitution. Is this why some of us wanted this constitutional provision retained? Since when did we grant permission to an imbecilic and preposterous constitutional provision to rob private landowners of their property?

Effects of Article XII on landowners

There are more than 4,000 homestead applicants with the Department of Public Land when I resigned a year ago. While secretary of DPL, I explored in earnest with the banks the means to enable applicants to build the first family home. After all, it is deeply embedded in the local culture that you provide a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling for your family.

Unfortunately, the banks have run into the monstrosity of "fee simple prohibition." In other words, they can't dispose or resell the house and lot because landownership is limited to the indigenous people. So they can't sell it to other qualified U.S. citizens. As a result, it is limited to the indigenous people, most of whom don't have the financial wherewithal to purchase foreclosed properties. The banks had to sell the property at a loss. After one too many losses, they decided to terminate all real estate loans. Where does that leave prospective landowners? Nowhere!

There's also the real estate term "equity" which simply means land value. It becomes a family tool by using the value of your property to secure loans for education, medical emergencies, and other family needs. You pay off the loan and you're good for another one. But Article 12 killed it right, front, and center because of the "fee simple prohibition." The bank can't dispose of your property even if there's a qualified non-indigenous U.S. citizen who can buy it. The bank isn't interested in your property other than securing the money owed.

Housing opportunities for veterans and others that would be built via federal funds have been pushed aside because of issues with Article 12. Isn't it time we own up to our responsibilities as proactive citizens and remove a constitutional junk that has become an obstruction and hardship for our people?

Imagine the leverage that *all* private landowners could avail if Article 12 is repealed forthright so opportunities are opened to flex their muscles in favor of meeting family needs or establishing a small family business or partially covering for tuition of family members in colleges and universities. You can assert that others have done it without a loan. But SHEFA is in trouble because of budgetary shortfall. Those who attended schools abroad earlier received scholarship assistance that, believe it or not, came from taxpayers. It wasn't free as it appears. We need this means—use of the value of our land against a loan—especially these days when government revenues have gone Deep South.

Repealing Article 12 is the only way to allow opportunities for families throughout the CNMI to earn their dues. Doing so confirms your desire to retain and strengthen our cultural tradition of full landownership and disposition for over four centuries. Let's do it for our children.

Landlessness and leases

We've also seen arguments about landlessness in Guam among the indigenous people. The issue, however, requires more research for complete assessment over off-the-cuff conclusion, given its seemingly perfect material to justify retaining Article 12. In other words, what is the basis of landlessness among our southern neighbors? Did they have land years ago? Is the new claim to landlessness justified? Why didn't they engage due diligence? Is the rest of society at fault for this landlessness?

Did we look into the Chamorro Land Trust and terms set in order for our brothers and sisters to use public land? If landownership is the crux of the matter, why didn't policymakers in Guam change the current arrangement into a homesteading program? Yes, fee simple prohibition doesn't exist, but this isn't at issue today. Rather, it's the assertion of landlessness that must have its genesis somewhere. It didn't spin out of thin air, did it? Is this why the unjustified use of a setback that is far removed from the debate on Article 12?

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Now, the FSM and Republic of Belau have extended the term of land leases to 99 years. They've given investors sufficient time to secure returns on investments. But they also have the comparative advantage of semi-independence that didn't allow any meddling by Washington. They also have one vital issue that we no longer have: complete control of their labor and immigration. It granted both island countries full control over who comes in for purposes of investments. They also can accept grants from Japan, South Korea, Republic of China, and Taiwan. We can't do it because of the limiting nature of the Covenant Agreement.

But there's room for real growth and maturity so that we too can politely ask Uncle Sam some room for real self-government. We need time for political maturity and we're talking about 30-50 years from now. After all, the democratic process is a protracted concept that takes years of refinement.

BUSH AND PERRY

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was a political lifer. And he was surrounded in his days in Congress and the White House by Texas legislators who were Capitol Hill barons, thanks to their staying power.

For them, politics was more akin to blood sport than solving problems. That's been true, too, for Perry, who has been in elected office since 1984.

As governor, he's not known for many major signatures outside of keeping taxes low and appointing allies to state boards. In fact, he's often shown tepid leadership on such big issues as correcting Texas' school funding problems. Getting too engaged could cost him politically.

What's surprising about Perry's rise is that the mythology he represents still lives on, even as the state long ago moved beyond its rural heritage.

But we keep dealing with these competing strains. Last year's governor's race provided another glimpse into the duality: cowboy politico Perry vs. manager/businessman Bill White.

My proclivities run toward the problem-solvers, but, as I noted on a column about White vs. Perry, they lack the frontier politician's flair.

The country is getting ready to see one more example of the old style as Perry takes on all comers. He'll reaffirm the old Texas stereotype, even though his home state is more complex. And the differences are reflected in the gulf between Bush and Perry today.

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Letter to the Editor

Community involvement vs crime

Our community is not immune to criminal acts by career criminals or persons that prey on the law-abiding citizens who are just struggling to deal with our daily needs to survive the onslaught of present-day economic hardship. When one robs a church (the house of God), I think this tells us that we have a major social breakdown that requires the joint and supportive effort of the caring people of these islands. Putting police officers in every corner of the islands has been the modus operandi for years. In other words, we take charge of a defensive strategy to curb the increase of crimes against law-abiding citizens. The fact is crimes are still a social problem that needs to be addressed. If we are a utopian society, citizens can expect zero crime, but as you know this is impossible. Fighting crime is not just the job of the Department of Public Safety. This department could not singly tackle all the crime fighting strategies and efforts. So, what is the Department of Public Safety's defensive and offensive plan of action on crime fighting at the community level?

The old adage suggests that "if the mountain won't come to Mohammed, then Mohammed must go to the mountain." This appears to be key to the crime fighting momentum that should be considered. I am talking about an offensive undertaking. If we are able to instill in the minds of citizens their partial involvement in crime fighting, isn't that a sustainable way for this purpose? People fail and hesitate to be involved out of ignorance and fear of consequences, particularly matters involving criminal issues. So, the best way to do this is to actually teach people about police work and how concerned citizens could be made the gatekeepers of crime fighting by owning their impact on crime prevention and optimum involvement of the Department of Public Safety. In this way, the Department of Public Safety must devise creative and innovative strategies. The work is actually simpler to implement than the usual defensive mobility of human resources and reactive positioning.

If the Department of Public Safety could organize and set up programs and plans using the existing expertise of trusted personnel, the department would be in a better position to invite the public to amass a huge offensive against crime. This in essence places the Department of Public Safety closer to where the crime venues are causing social deterioration. I think a "Citizen Crime Fighting Academy" would work as an offensive strategy. This academy, if set up and organized well, would be one perpetual movement that the department could rollover year after year with good results. The Academy would be positioned to teach the citizenry about law enforcement issues. Subjects would include crime prevention, fingerprinting technology and laboratory, vehicle pursuits, defensive tactics, firearms, narcotics, Crime Stoppers unit, witness observation, crime scene preservation, K-9 unit, crime investigation, and court proceedings, and other useful subject.

If we are able to consider options like this, it would certainly be a great help to the Department of Public Safety. Otherwise, the police commissioner should let us know what programs are being used, or if this suggestion is worth the effort, if not already being implemented. An offensive strategy is just as effective and efficient, if not better, because in most cases it only requires a thoughtful plan performed by existing personnel who are creative and innovative enough to see a different way outside of the status quo.

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The Weather

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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Micronesia

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Palau	Rain	▲84	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲84	▼76
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲83	▼77

Around The Globe

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Los Angeles	Sunny	▲79	▼61
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San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
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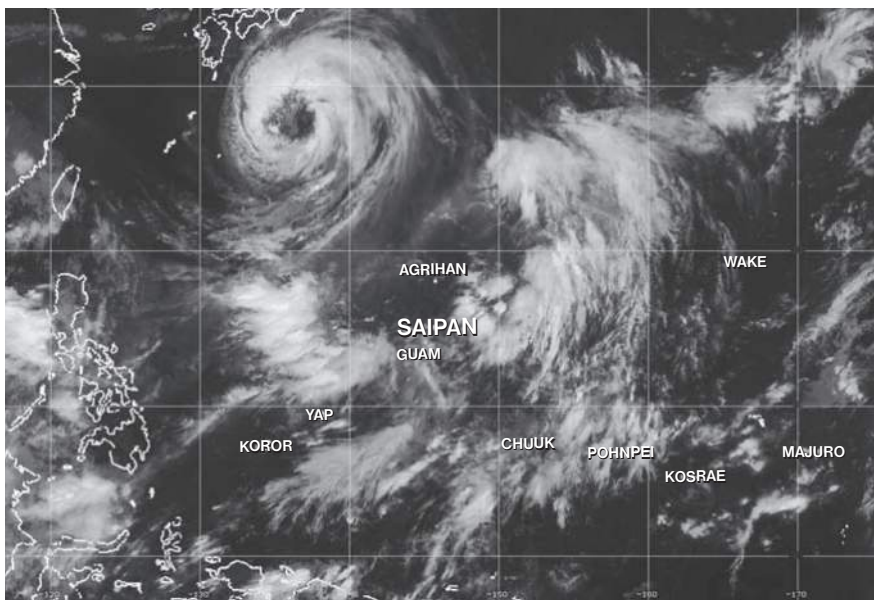

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Saipan Harbor

4:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
10:52 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
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Sunday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

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Monday	12:52 PM	
Tuesday	1:48 PM	12:24 AM

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3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN	0Z704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am	5, via GUM
				PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	0Z750/603	1:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	7 via ICN	0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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Jupiter

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's a treat for Saipan's early birds: Saipan's predawn sky should have Jupiter hanging overhead. I'm a bungling amateur in the planetary realm, and I'm having time zone issues today so I offer no warrantees, express or implied, but I think that Jupiter should be smack dab overhead at around 4am. That's the clock's most notoriously depressing time, but Jupiter is too juicy to resist right now, very big, very bright.

And being directly overhead gives earthlings the best chance of getting a good view. All astronomical bodies are like that. The higher in the sky, the better the mileage. After all, everything likes to roll down hill, right? Makes sense to me. Well, actually, the geometry of the gig means that the higher an astronomical body is over the Earth's horizon, the less atmosphere the light has to cut through to reach us.

Not even the mighty sun can override this fact. That's why tourists get broiled to a ripe tomato-red at high noon, but they barely rate a bubble-gum pink during their morning mimosa.

Even a small telescope can spy four of Jupiter's moons and some of its trademark gaseous bands if the skies are clear. Over the years I've taken occasional glimpses of this, and I bought a nice telescope this year that has fueled my appetite for, what else, a bigger telescope. I'm told that even binoculars can spot some of Jupiter's moons, but I can't try that because I always lose my binocs.

Jupiter is the biggest planet in our solar system. If it was hollow all the other planets in the solar system could fit inside of it. But it's not hollow, according to the books I've seen, which say there's a solid core there. Outside of that core the planet is largely a big blob of swirling gasses, most of which are hydrogen.

Jupiter is so big, in fact, that it almost made it to "star" instead of mere "planet." Had it been born with some more brawn, the extra mass would have generated more gravity, which would have pulled Jupiter in tighter around its own center, and which would have triggered the nuclear fusion machine.

Had that happened, our solar system would have been a "binary" system of two stars orbiting each other.

That's not a rare thing. Lots of stars are binary systems. In the '70s they told us that about half the stars out there were binary systems. Surely the modern age has refined that theory one way or the other, but I never got the memo.

So I'm still confronting the wonders of the universe armed with knowledge from the disco era, back when "Nova" had "Chevy" before it, a "Satellite" was a Plymouth, and "Galaxy" meant Ford.

Anyway, if Jupiter had the horsepower to become a star, just imagine the weather reports here:

"Hafa Adai, Commonwealth, tomorrow's temperature will be 79 degrees in the morning, rising to 451 degrees by first noon, then falling to 285 degrees at second noon. Winds will be out of the southeast at 700 miles per hour, great news for you sail boaters, but keep an eye out for occasional storms of boiling methane in the late afternoon."

As I scratch this out on the back of an envelope from a lawn chair (I mean, my "observatory"), here's how I reckon it: If you had a 747 with a lot of gas in it, you could fly around the Earth in a little under two days.

But if you lived on Jupiter and caught an Air Jupiter 747 flight around the planet, it would take three weeks for the orbit. Can you imagine that? Especially in coach class, with some restless kid behind you kicking your seat the entire time, while the lonely lady next to you tells you about her emotional journey through life as she shows you pictures of her cats.

If Jupiter is a remarkably big giant, he's also a remarkably fast one. Jupiter manages to spin around once every 10 hours. Compare that to the relatively pokey 24 hours for pipsqueak Earth. Since Jupiter is spinning so fast, the gases that comprise the visible layer separate themselves into bands, some of which apparently are spinning in the opposite direction, and if you'd like to know why that is, well, don't look at me. I'm just a guy in a lawn chair.

So far, 63 moons have been counted for Jupiter, including the most visible and well-known four that are called the Galilean moons, so named for Galileo. One of the moons, Io, is like something out of a science fiction book, and instead of being just a idle hunk of pocked-up rock, it is home to active volcanoes that spew plumes hundreds of miles high. I don't know who is better suited to contemplate such astronomical weirdness, Carl Sagan or Cheech & Chong and, well, there I go with those '70s references again.

Anyway, Jupiter: It's awesome.

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Make-A-Wish vies to become beneficiary of Subaru's 'Share the Love'

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Make-A-Wish Foundation will have more chances of granting wishes to eligible children once they are selected as a beneficiary of the Subaru "Share the Love" event.

The Subaru "Share the Love" program will give $250 to charity for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased from Nov. 19 through Jan. 3.

Victor P. Camacho, executive director for Make-A-Wish Guam-CNMI Chapter, said Subaru is looking to help one more charity to benefit from the event by "adding a social media crowdsourced voting element" to the event.

"There is one slot left for [nonprofit organizations] vying to be one of five recipients of an anticipated $5 million from Subaru," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Camacho said Facebook fans of Subaru can vote for any of the four organizations—Make-A-Wish Foundation, Teach for America, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and American Red Cross—to win the "People's Choice" charity award.

The Subaru of America Facebook page, Camacho said, is hosting the online voting, which started on Aug. 25 and will continue until Sept. 15.

Camacho urged the community to vote for Make-A-Wish Foundation in Subaru's "Share the Love" program.

"This would have a tremendous impact on our collective ability to grant wishes to every eligible child," said Camacho.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded in 1980 after a young boy, Chris Greicius, realized his heartfelt wish to become a police officer. Since then, the foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work.

Three charges filed against suspect in copper wire theft

The Office of the Attorney General has filed three charges against a man who was arrested last week while allegedly in the process of stealing copper wires along Beach Road's pathway.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest filed Wednesday an information charging Primo K. Ogarto with theft, criminal mischief, and possession or removal of government property.

Ernest stated in the information that Ogarto stole Friday, Aug. 26, copper wires from a manhole in Garapan. Ernest said that Ogarto cut the copper wires belonging to the CNMI government.

At yesterday's preliminary hearing, Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos found probable cause to charge Ogarto of all three charges.

Assistant attorney general Tiberius Mocanu argued for the government, while assistant public defender Matthew Meyer served as counsel for Ogarto.

Inos reduced to $200 cash the $10,000 cash bail that the court earlier imposed on Ogarto and ordered him to stay away from the pathway.

According to police, Ogarto's action affected the pathway's wiring system from Oleai Beach Club down to the Department of Public Safety's fire station in western Garapan.

Police officers spotted Ogarto allegedly acting suspiciously along Beach Road early Friday morning last week.

The officers approached him and recovered from him copper wires that were already cut and a bush cutter.

Police said that Ogarto used to be a mixed martial arts fighter, but is no longer active. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Sentencing of ex-detention guard delayed

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted yesterday the request of Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial's lawyer to postpone his Sept. 13 sentencing in the case involving enticement of a female minor.

Manglona set the new sentencing date for Oct. 11 at 9am.

Fitial, a former detention guard at the Juvenile Detention Unit, pleaded guilty on April 19 to enticing a minor.

Attorney Joseph Norita Camacho, Fitial's court appointed counsel, said the deadline for Fitial to submit any comments, corrections, or objections to the pre-sentence investigation report was set for today, Friday.

Camacho said his client has several concerns about the pre-sentence investigation report and that he needs more time to research the legal issues and prepare appropriate objections to the report.

Fitial's original sentencing date was July 21, 2011. The court re-set the sentencing to Sept. 13 after the U.S. Probation asked for the delay in order to complete the pre-sentence investigation report.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto said that between October 2009 and February 2010, Fitial made telephone calls to a residence, during which one or more of these calls Fitial had a conversation of a sexual nature with a female 13 to 14 years old.

Benedetto said it was Fitial's intent to get the girl to meet with him and that she indicated her willingness to meet him.

Fitial faces 11 criminal charges in the Superior Court over the same incidents. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Early Signs of Autism
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Red flags to watch for from birth to age 3

Social
Children with autism may:
- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral
Children with autism may:
- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas
Children with autism often:
- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

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Monthlong Pacifica exhibit opens at Hyatt lobby function room

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Hundreds of pieces of artwork are now on display for public viewing at the Lobby Function Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan with the unveiling of the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit yesterday.

Organized by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, the monthlong exhibit features both traditional and visual pieces, including paintings, photographs, bead accessories, postcards, and sculptures made by 20 traditional and visual artists.

Traditional artists taking part in the exhibit include Martin C. Castro, Maria S. Camacho, Mariana Ebilane, Gordon B. Salas, Priscilla J. Pangelinan, Nick N. Klewei, Melchy H. Billy, Ginni A. Bachani, Rodney S. Camacho, and Vicente C. Duenas.

Participating visual artists include Lawrence A. Lee, Ernie Q. David, Rosana Villaraiz, Jack C. Hardy, Maritess F. Sablan, Joseph Weaver, Greg G. Elliott, and Leslie Ware.

"There's no place on island that is a professional gallery setting. This is the closest we can get to right now for an artist to come sell his works. The Arts Council was good enough to put on this exhibit," Leslie Ware told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ware, who has 41 photographs on display at the exhibit, revealed that his inspiration comes from living on Saipan itself.

"Saipan is the inspiration. I don't go out with any preconceived ideas; I just go out and see what I can see. Most of the time, it's at the right place at the right time," he said.

Prices for Ware's masterpieces range from $30 to $400, depending on the prices. "I'll be donating proceeds to Arts Council because they've always worked with me and it's a great organization and they need the support," added Ware.

Traditional artist Priscilla J. Pangelinan began making coconut flower shells and other decorations made of recycled materials in 2009 to help her cope with the loss of her son, a musician.

"People will appreciate this exhibit because they will not find what's on display here anywhere else," said Pangelinan.

With the economic recession affecting artists, Pangelinan said the exhibit is one way to support them. "This exhibit will help recognize our artists and promote our work to more people."

Arts in Education coordinator Parker Yobei said more artists are expected to bring in their pieces by next week.

"We hope that all the hotel guests as well as members of the local community find the time to swing by Hyatt and check out what our artists have created," he said.

Yobei invites parents who have children that do not have any activities on Saturday to watch the live cultural demonstrations from 10am to 2pm. Artist Melchy Billy will show traditional bead making, Maria Camacho will demonstrate weaving, while Gordon Salas will show how to make traditional necklace.

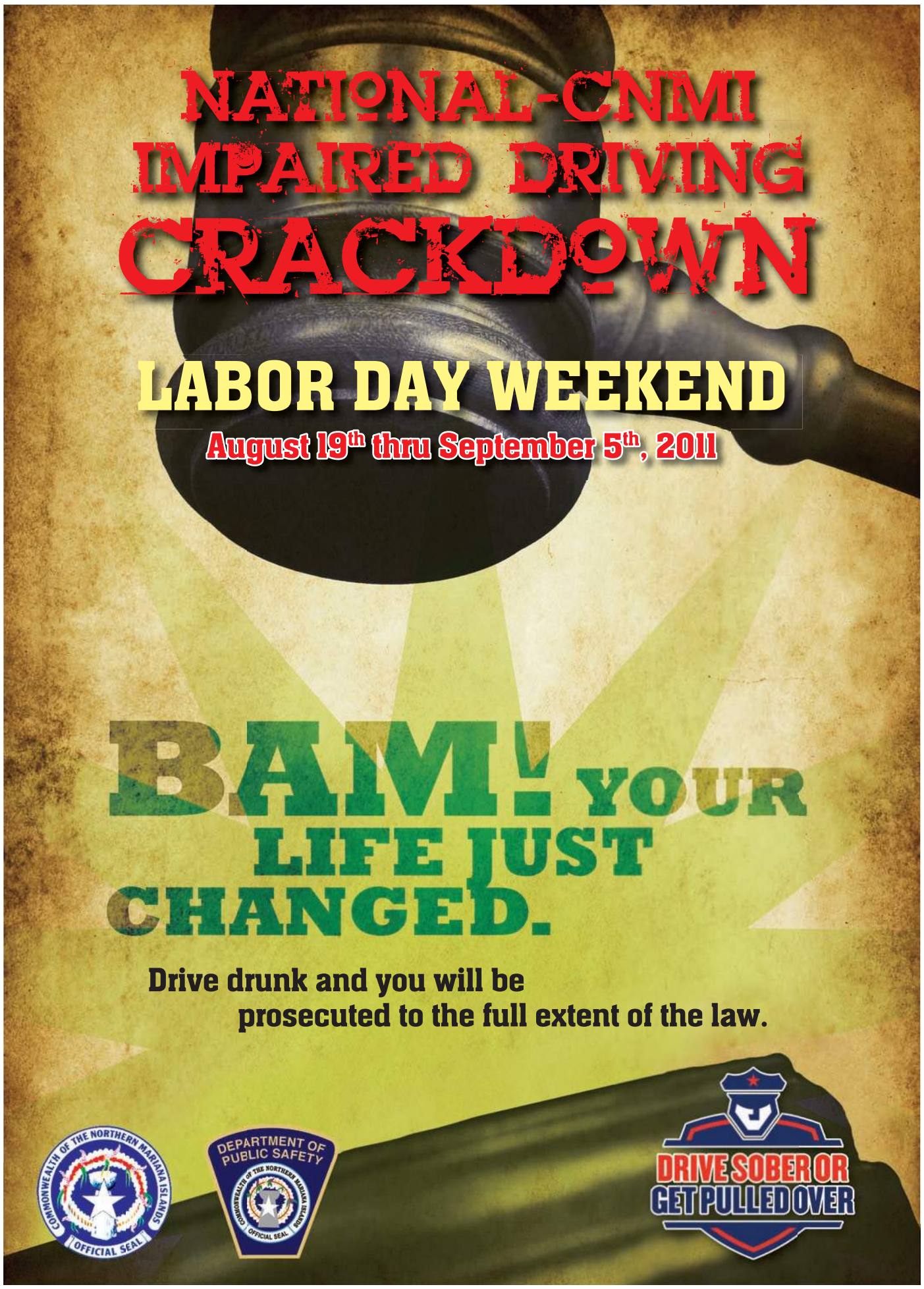
"Whatever they create, they can bring home as a souvenir," said Yobei.

Besides the artists, Yobei also thanked the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Arts Council staff, volunteers Rebecca Lisua and Darrell Moteiso for their assistance in making the exhibit possible.

Arts Council executive director Angel S. Hocog remains optimistic that the monthlong exhibit will have a good turnout and generate sales for the artists.

"We want to encourage the community to come out and witness the many works of our talented artists. Let's support their creativity."

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Visual pieces like these are some of the artwork on display at the Lobby Function Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan as part of the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit.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Solid Waste stops accepting e-wastes

Effective Monday, Aug. 29, the Solid Waste Management Division stopped accepting electronic wastes or e-wastes from residential customers.

Meanwhile, the Department of Public Works division said the establishment of the disposal rates by Oct. 1 will affect all waste haulers, among them residential, commercial and government.

At this time, no e-wastes will be accepted from commercial or government haulers.

Also, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi landfill will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Below is the regular hours of the Lower Base Transfer Station and Marpi landfill:

TRANSFER STATION

■ Government payday week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday is open 8:30am-12pm and 1-4pm. Wednesday is close all day. Lunch close 12pm-1pm.

■ Non-government payday week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday is open 8:30am-12pm, and 1pm-4pm. Wednesday is close all day. Saturday is open 7:30am-12-pm, and 1-4pm. Lunch close 12pm-1pm.

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CBP OFFICERS DONATE TO KARIDAT

Karidat executive director Angie DeLeon Guerrero, seated, receives food products donated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Saipan International Airport. The Saipan CBP officers got together to provide 200 lbs of in-kind food donations to Karidat Social Services. The donation is part of the "Feds Feed Families" campaign (www.fedsfeedfamilies.com) held annually during summer. Federal employees nationwide donate to a charity of their choice in the communities they serve. The food will help Karidat provide meals to families in need as well as those who avail of services at Guma' Esperansa. From left, CBP officers Dora Topasna and Ronald Muña are shown with DeLeon Guerrero and a Karidat administrative assistant.

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Women who avail of screenings, referrals will get gift certificates

Women age 40 and above who sign up for mammograms or women age 21 and older who sign up for clinical breast exams at tomorrow's free screenings and referrals will receive gift certificates for fresh fruits and vegetables.

A collaboration between the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the Department of Public Health, the free screenings and referrals will be held from 6am to 11am at the Sabalu Market in Susupe.

Tatiana Olopai, CCA project assistant for breast and cervical health outreach program, said the event aims to promote breast and cervical health and wellness in the community with the assistance of DPH staff and members of the CNMI-wide subgroup of CCA volunteers.

Saturday's event involves blood pressure checks; body mass index calculations; blood sugar checks for the first 100 women; clinical breast exams at the DPH mobile clinic; enrollment/referrals for mammograms for women age 40 and above through the Breast & Cervical Screening Program; information about healthy nutrition, physical activity and body weight guidelines, and ways to improve quality of life and reduce cancer risk; and HIV screening.

"Join us this Saturday and help spread the word to all the special women in your life," Olopai said.

For more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

18 Saipan beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged 18 beach sites and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ red-flagged the beaches along Palms Resort, Plumeria Hotel, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, South Puerto Rico dump, Outer Cove Marina, Smiling Cove, American Memorial Park drainage, Micro Beach, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach, Garapan Beach drainage, Chalan Laulau Beach, San Jose Beach, Civic Center Beach, and Sugar Dock.

Samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan coast on Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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Contact **Susan** at

yogawavesaipan@gmail.com or call: 483-7834

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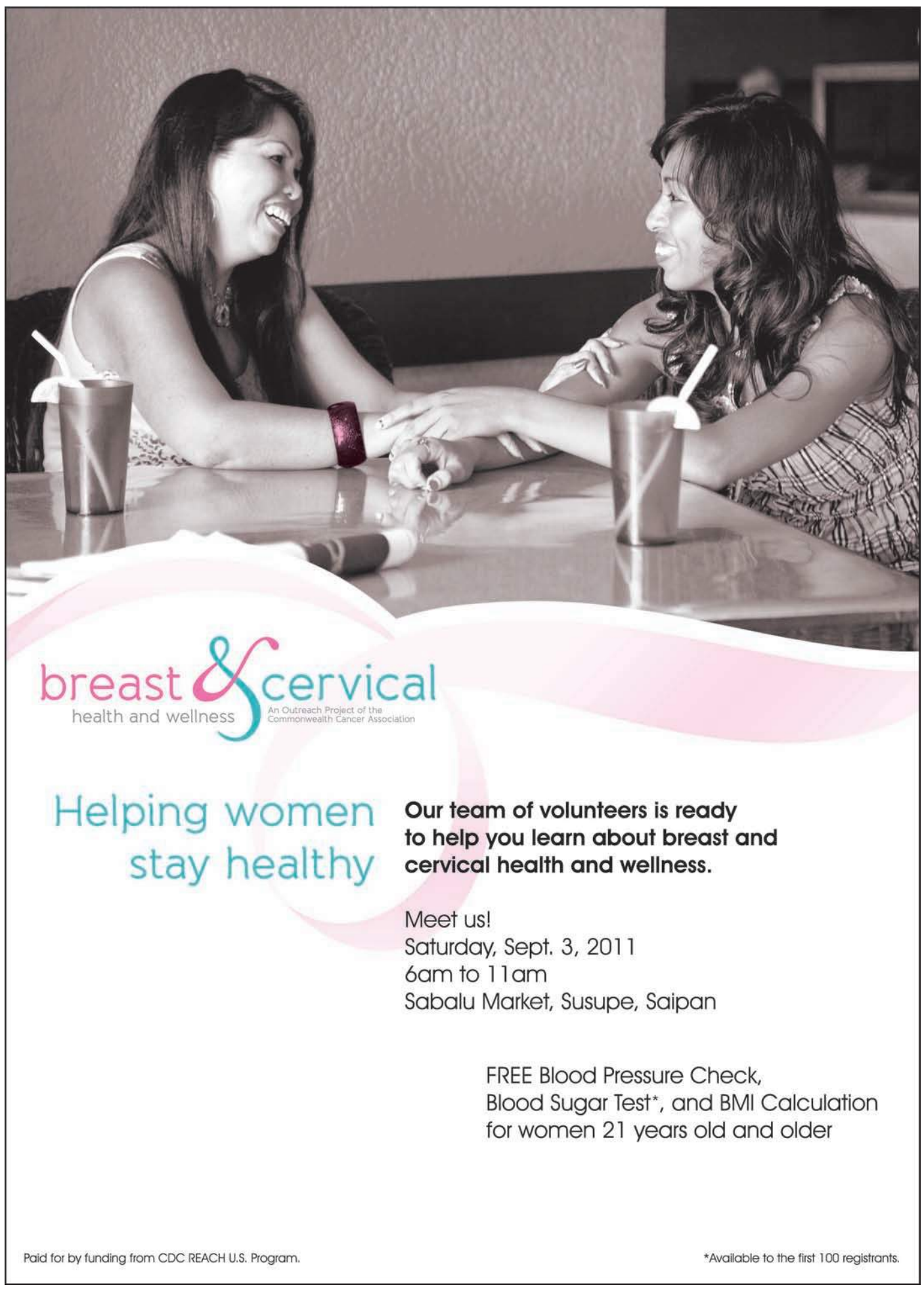
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6-member team represents NMI at Domatsuri Festival

A six-member team representing the CNMI as goodwill ambassadors departed for Nagoya on Aug. 26 to promote the CNMI at the 13th Domatsuri Festival in Nagoya, Japan. Sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Authority, they were among the many guests who were invited to join the festival.

The festival, which attracts a million people to Nagoya and 23,000 performers from all over Japan, welcomed the CNMI team with open hands, excited as they were to see the group perform. The CNMI team is the smallest team to enter the festival. Other groups consisted of 60 to 100 members.

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Member of the CNMI team pose with other performers at the 13th Domatsuri Festival in Nagoya, Japan.

"Our goodwill ambassadors handed out Saipanda goods and "I love Saipan" shirts to performers and families who attended the festival as part of their effort to promote the CNMI," a statement from the Office of the Mayor said. "People were excited to see the team from the CNMI perform, as they were the only team showcasing a different style of cultural dance."

The Domatsuri Festival attracts performers from Japan and international countries. Performers come together to showcase their cultural performances and promote their region. Performers share the attraction of their region, whether it's their national flower, food, dance, or clothing. Their main sponsors are their Chambers of Commerce, each region acknowledging their Chamber for all their support.

For the first time ever, the CNMI this year was chosen as one of the countries that will judge the final competition for the kids and junior categories.

The CNMI team's sponsors include the MVA, Chamolinian Cultural Inc., Pacific Development Inc., Star Sands, and the Governor's Office. ***(PR)***

Eat out for the environment!

To help preserve our precious natural resources, residents of Saipan are encouraged to eat out on Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at select restaurants who have agreed to donate a portion of their revenue from that day to the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance.

In this first ever "Eat Out for the Environment" event, participating restaurants include Aoi (at the Saipan Grand Hotel), Chambre Restaurant (at the Fiesta Resort and Spa), Shirley's Restaurant, 360 Restaurant, Shenanigan's, and Naked Fish.

"Each of these restaurants have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds that they make on Sept. 9, 2011," said Sam Sablan, executive director for the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance. "We are encouraging everyone who cares for the environment and who wants to contribute in some way to the preservation of our precious natural resources to eat at one or two of these restaurants for lunch and dinner."

The Mariana Islands Nature Alliance is a community-based, nonprofit organization that was formed by a group of people whose dedication and compassion for the environment felt the need to promote and advocate for the protection and restoration of our natural resources in the Commonwealth.

Some of the projects that MINA has been involved in include the Marine Debris Program, the Environmental Teach Camp, Obyan Revegetation Project, the Tasi Watch Program, the No-Need Bag Campaign, and other projects.

MINA will use the proceeds from the Eat Out for the Environment event to support and sustain community projects.

To participate, residents are asked to bring their friends and family to eat out at any of the participating restaurants on Sept. 9, 2011. ***(MINA)***

Nonprofit launches saipanfun.com

»New site provides entrepreneurs with tools to promote and manage their business

The nonprofit, Island Renew Project Inc., launched Saipanfun.com yesterday. The business incubator website is designed to give aspiring entrepreneurs access to the latest technology to start a new business.

Tourism is the lifeblood of Saipan and the key to economic growth. To ensure that Saipan can compete with other tourist destinations, Saipan must offer unique attractions. These attractions attract new visitors and encourage repeat visitors to come back again. Saipanfun.com is designed to support these new attractions by bringing together tourists seeking a unique travel experience with entrepreneurs offering great local products and services.

Saipanfun.com significantly lowers the cost of starting a new business. The website offers user-friendly solutions to the essential technologies needed to run a business. This flexible platform provides online reservation handling, user-friendly Web presence, search engine optimization, inventory management, and payment processing.

Saipanfun.com is a nonprofit and is designed to only cover costs. As a result, registration and company listing are free. If entrepreneurs decide to sell their products and services through the website, they are charged an at-cost fee for processed bookings. This fee includes a bank charge to process the credit card transaction and website support.

Saipanfun.com will offer informational seminars and website demos this fall on Saipan. These sessions are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. To view upcoming events visit the websites below.

To learn more about Saipanfun, visit our website at saipanfun.com. To learn more about the Island Renew Project, visit islandrenewproject.org. ***(PR)***

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Red Cross urges community to be prepared for emergencies

»September is National Preparedness Month

This National Preparedness Month, the American Red Cross–NMI Chapter is calling on families, businesses, schools, and organizations to take steps now to become better prepared for the next emergency or disaster.

Disasters can strike at any time—from earthquakes to typhoons to terrorist attacks like those that occurred on 9/11 ten years ago. National Preparedness Month provides the community with the opportunity to both remember the victims and honor those who responded, and to make a renewed commitment to being better prepared for the future.

"We all must do what we can to prepare our families and make our communities ready for the next emergency" said J.D. Tenorio. "Everyone can take three key action steps to get started: build a kit, make a plan, and be informed."

ON THE NET

www.redcrossstore.org
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Emergency preparedness kits should include enough supplies for at least three days in case you have to evacuate. Water (one gallon, per person, per day), nonperishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, a 7-day supply of medications, sanitation and personal hygiene items and copies of important personal documents should go in every kit. The Red Cross also recommends having at least two weeks worth of supplies at home. A variety of emergency preparedness kits, first aid kits and other supplies are available at www.redcrossstore.org.

All members of the household should work together on an emergency plan. Designate a meeting place right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency like a fire. Each person should know how to reach other members of the household. The plan should also include an out-of-area emergency contact person, and a location where everyone should meet if they can't go home.

People should be informed about what types of disasters are most likely to occur where they live and how local authorities will contact you in the event of a disaster. First aid and CPR/AED training empowers individuals with the confidence and skills to respond to health emergencies in case advanced medical help is delayed. Visit www.redcross.org/training for details and to register.

"We have learned from previous disasters that the government, communities, and organizations like the Red Cross can never be big enough to do it all in every disaster," Tenorio said. "Every person, business, school, and house of worship must be prepared to take care of themselves and their neighbors in an emergency."

Severe weather and power outages may disrupt water supply and can happen anytime. Throughout the year, the Red Cross offers programs to help people be prepared. The "Do More Than Cross Your Fingers" campaign, featuring Jamie Lee Curtis, makes it easy for people to prepare for emergencies, starting with how to customize their emergency kits. The "Ready When the Time Comes" program trains employees from corporations and mobilizes them as a community-based volunteer force when disaster strikes. "Be Red Cross Ready" is a web-based interactive tutorial that teaches people how to be ready for emergencies.

In addition, because up to 40 percent of businesses fail following a manmade or natural disaster, the Red Cross developed the Ready Rating Program. Ready Rating (www.readyrating.org) is a free, self-paced, Web-based membership program that measures how ready businesses, organizations and schools are to deal with emergencies. Members receive customized feedback on how they can improve their efforts. The program is designed for those who are in the beginning stages of planning for emergencies as well as those who have already done so and want confirmation on their preparedness level. It gives these groups ideas of what they can do to better prepare themselves for the next emergency or disaster.

No one can predict where or when the next large disaster will strike, but preparedness steps taken today can save lives and livelihoods tomorrow. People can contact the NMI Chapter or www.redcross.org to learn what steps they should take to be ready when emergencies strike. ***(ARC)***

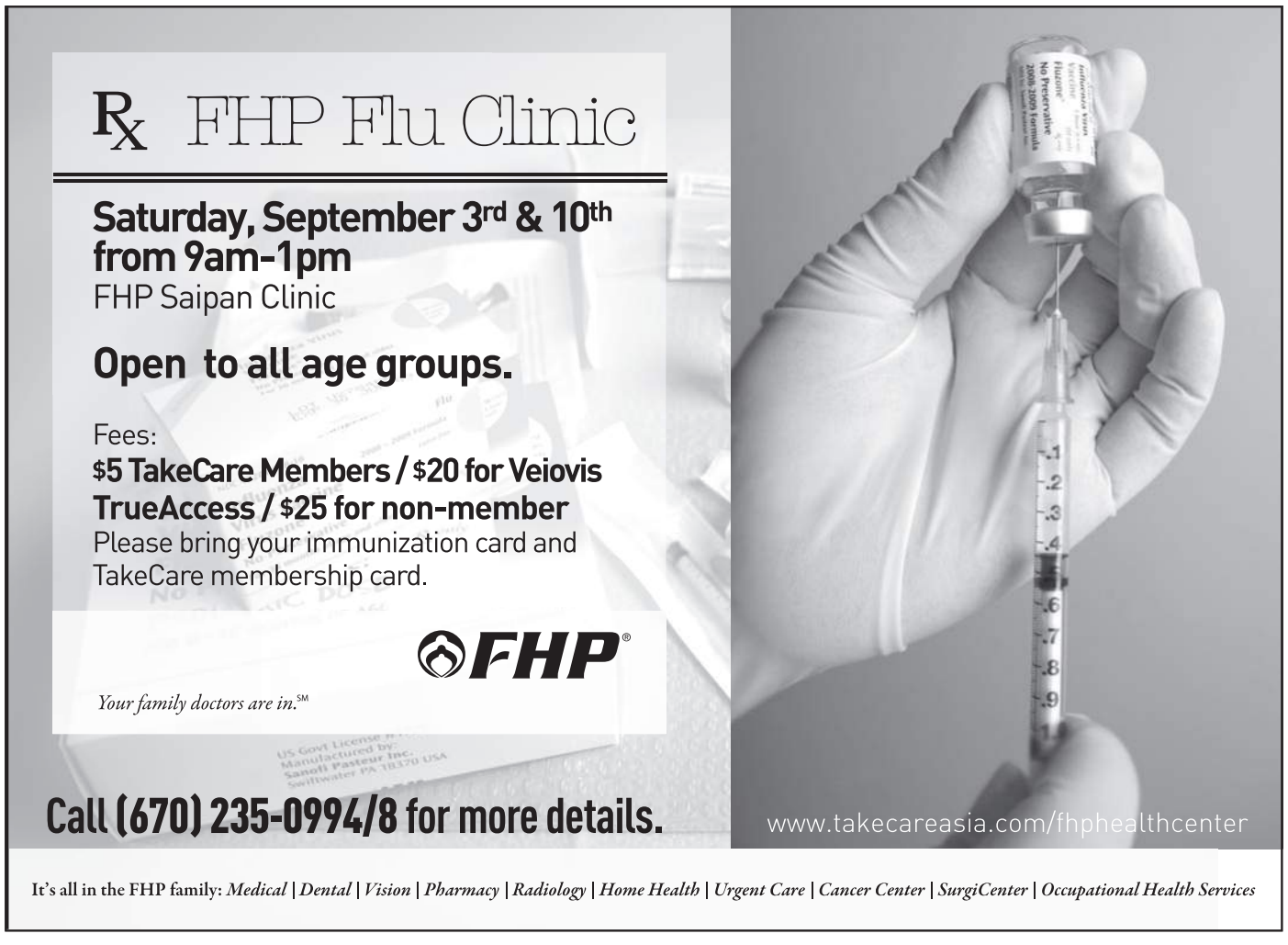
23RD ANNUAL CLUB 200

Fantasy Island beach party

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross is excited to announce their 23rd Annual Club 200 fundraising dinner and raffle. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa.

"We've selected a "Fantasy Island Beach Party theme so that everyone can come dressed up," said Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, co-chair of this year's event. "We'll have a dance contest and an extra treasure chest raffle in addition to our grand prize of $15,000 and first prize of $10,000 cash, along with many great prizes like plane tickets, vacation packages and much more.

Tickets are $100 per person and are now available from Red Cross ticket sellers. For more information on the event, purchasing tickets or how to get involved with the NMI Chapter, call 234-3459. ***(ARC)***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Flores backs soursop cultivation for its health benefits, business

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Mayor Donald G. Flores said the CNMI should look into growing graviola or soursop trees to produce tons of these fruits, which have been found to have anti-cancer properties.

Flores talked about the benefits of graviola at the proclamation signing for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month held at the mayor's conference room on Wednesday.

Graviola is a heart-shaped fruit that's green in color, and its tree is found in South America and several tropical islands, growing best in rain-forest climates.

According to Flores, he first learned about the cancer-fighting benefits of graviola from his uncle based in the U.S. mainland, Eddie Pangelinan, who battled prostate cancer himself.

Citing Internet sources, Flores said that extracts from the graviola tree, known as laguana in Chamorro, were shown to "effectively target and kill malignant cells in 12 types of cancer, including colon, breast, prostate, lung, and pancreatic cancer.

He said compounds found in a graviola tree were proven "to be up to 10,000 times stronger than Adriamycin, a commonly used chemotherapeutic drug."

Additionally, these compounds "selectively hunts down and kills only cancer cells" and does not harm healthy cells, said Flores.

Flores disclosed that he has already communicated with the mayors of Rota and Tinian to discuss working together in developing a plan to get the public to plant "at least 10" graviola trees in their backyard and in government properties.

"We need to start planting this miracle fruit," said Flores, adding that the tree planting will help realize the plan to produce between 20 to 30 tons of the graviola fruit.

Flores, in an interview, also said that he's been in touch with a Korean investor who expressed interest in graviola production.

The mayor believes that graviola production will also "help our ailing economy."

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Business

Government sues to block AT&T, T-Mobile merger

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department took the unusual step Wednesday to try to block AT&T's $39 billion purchase of T-Mobile USA, arguing that the proposed merger would lead to higher wireless prices, less innovation and fewer choices for consumers.

Now AT&T, the nation's No. 2 wireless carrier, and No. 4 T-Mobile are plotting a legal response to challenge federal regulators.

In its civil antitrust lawsuit, the Justice Department said the merger would stifle competition in the wireless industry. The deal, which is still under review at the Federal Communications Commission, would catapult AT&T past Verizon Wireless to become the nation's largest wireless carrier, leaving Sprint Nextel as a distant third-place player and certain to struggle.

AT&T quickly signaled that it won't abandon the transaction, leading to expectations of a fierce court battle.

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This file combination photo displays logos for AT&T, left, and Deutsche Telekom AG.

AT&T has several incentives to take up a legal fight with regulators. In court, the burden is on the Justice Department—not AT&T—to show that the combination would harm competition. If the deal doesn't go through, the company will be forced to pay T-Mobile a $3 billion breakup fee and give it some wireless spectrum rights.

AT&T said it will ask for an expedited court hearing "so the enormous benefits of this merger can be fully reviewed."

In a statement, T-Mobile's owner, the German company Deutsche Telekom, said it is disappointed by the Justice Department's action and "will join AT&T in defending the contemplated merger."

The companies could wage a strong defense in court.

Morgan Reed, executive director of the trade group, Association for Competitive Technology, said AT&T has at least one key fact on its side: Deutsche Telekom has said it does not plan to continue to invest in upgrading the T-Mobile network to deliver faster wireless. That means, "T-Mobile is not a competitor anymore," Reed said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Exxon-Russia oil deal unlikely to raise concerns

NEW YORK (AP)—An unprecedented deal that gives Russia's state-controlled oil company part-ownership of U.S. oil fields is unlikely to be scuttled by political or national security concerns for a simple reason: Russia doesn't need the oil. In the deal between ExxonMobil and Rosneft, announced Tuesday, Exxon will spend $3.2 billion to help Rosneft explore offshore oil fields in the Russian Arctic and elsewhere in Russia. In return, Rosneft will have the option to acquire parts of oil projects in Texas and the Gulf of Mexico, where Rosneft can learn drilling techniques that Exxon has perfected to tap hard-to-reach oil. It would be the first time Russia would own parts of U.S. oil fields.

Apple blasted for alleged pollution by suppliers

SHANGHAI (AP)—Apple is fending off a fresh barrage of criticism from Chinese environmental activists over alleged pollution by the manufacturers who make its iconic products. In a report issued Wednesday, a group of nongovernmental organizations accused the company of violating its own corporate responsibility standards by using suppliers that allegedly violate the law and endanger public health by discharging heavy metals and other toxins. Apple responded to the allegations by saying it took such concerns seriously but had found discrepancies in the report.

South Korea's inflation rate hits three-year high

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's monthly inflation rate rose to its highest level in three years in August as price gains accelerate despite a series of interest rate hikes and slowing economic growth. The country's consumer price index increased 5.3 percent from the same month last year as costs for food and transportation rose, the government's Statistics Korea said Thursday. That followed an increase of 4.7 percent in July.

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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 2:00 pm at the CRM Conference Room, Springs Plaza, Middle Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a) Call to Order
b) Roll Call
II. PERMIT APPLICATION
Finafa Village Homestead – CRM Permit no. RMS-2011-X-041
a) Permit application summary by CRMO
b) Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
c) Permit Application Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)
Blue Water Homes, LLC - CRM Permit Application. No. SMS-2011-X-052
a) Permit application summary by CRMO
b) Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
c) Permit Application Status (CRMO/CRM Agencies)
III. OTHER MATTERS
IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

RITA C. CHONG - DELACRUZ
Administrator

CNMI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2011 BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Children across the CNMI are heading back to school. The CNMI Department of Public Safety would like to remind all drivers and pedestrians to be extra careful and vigilant when a new school year starts and throughout the year. Please practice the following safety measures to protect all school aged children:

If You're Walking

We ask students to be extra cautious when walking to and from school. Here are a few tips:

- Pay special attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards.
- Never cross the street against a red light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Wear reflective clothing and bright colors so drivers can see you easier.
- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and if possible, with intersections that have traffic controls.
- Advise children to be ready for their buses and to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the bus.

If You're Driving:

- When a school bus is stopped with the Stop Sign extended from the driver's window you must stop immediately, no matter in what direction you are traveling
- Be very aware when school is back in session as children will be walking to and from schools and bus stops.
- As autumn approaches, there will be less daylight and children will be out early in the morning and more difficult to see.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind buses or running to catch the bus.
- When driving your children to school, drop them off and pick them up as close to the school as is possible.
- Don't leave until they are safely on school grounds.
- Drive slowly when approaching children riding bicycles and walking near the street.
- Watch your speed when entering school zones.

SCHOOL BUSES ARE LIKE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The CNMI Department of Public Safety wishes everyone a safe school year.

For more safety tips, call 664-9001/9084/85

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Swollen rivers begin falling across Northeast

KILLINGTON, Vt. (AP)— Swollen rivers began falling Wednesday in much of the Northeast, allowing relief crews to reach the last of the tiny Vermont towns that had been entirely cut off from help by Hurricane Irene's fast-moving floodwaters.

The receding water eased the flooding that had paralyzed parts of the region and revealed more damage to homes, farms and businesses across the flood-scarred landscape. Repair estimates indicated that the storm would almost certainly rank among the nation's costliest natural disasters, despite packing a lighter punch than initially feared.

Of the 11 towns that had been severed from the outside world, the final one to be reached by rescuers was tiny Wardsboro, a village of 850 in the Green Mountains. The community is little more than a post office and some houses standing along Route 100, a highway popular in the fall with tourists searching out autumn colors.

The National Guard continued to ferry supplies to mountain towns that had no electricity, no telephone service and limited transportation in or out. Eight helicopters were expected to arrive Wednesday with food, blankets, tarps and drinking water.

In the ski resort town of Killington, residents came to the elementary school for free hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob. Jason and Angela Heaslip picked up a bag filled with peanut butter, cereal and toilet paper for their three children and three others visiting from Long Island.

"Right now, they're getting little portions because we're trying to make the food last," said Jason Heaslip, who only has a dollar in his bank account because the storm has kept him from getting paid by the resort where he works.

Don Fielder, a house painter in Gaysville, said the White River roared through his house, tearing the first floor off the foundation and filling a bathroom tub with mud.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

GUADALUPE O. BORJA ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$67,900.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$67,900.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
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JOSEPH B. SONGSONG and MARIA M. SONSONG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 2, 1982, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 2, 1982, under Document No. 14220 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 21899-2, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 767 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2086/81, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 12450, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1981.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on July 01, 2005. Thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00** the total amount due under the USDA, Rural Development loan including Trustee's expenses. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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MARINA A. BAUTISTA and LORETO L. BAUTISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 15, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 15, 1999, under Document No. 99-2777 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 972, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 781 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 18, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4286, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$49,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$49,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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REGINA T. CASTRO ("Trustor"), on or about October 23, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 23, 1984, under Document No. 84-2264 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 B 09, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 407 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 005 B 00, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 832, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 1971.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$60,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$60,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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VICENTE W. KAIPAT and LEONILA S. KAIPAT (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 21, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 10, 1994, under Document No. 94-1199 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 330, containing an area of 1,109 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 07, dated September 8, 1982, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 18433, dated September 30, 1983 the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$32,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$32,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

VINCENT N. ITAMAN/ ROSA L. TAMAN/ VINCENTE E. TAMAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 27, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 27, 1984 under Document No. 84-659 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 I 531, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 745 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

NYPD monitored where Muslims ate, shopped, prayed

NEW YORK (AP)—From an office on the Brooklyn waterfront in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, New York Police Department officials and a veteran CIA officer built an intelligence-gathering program with an ambitious goal: to map the region's ethnic communities and dispatch teams of undercover officers to keep tabs on where Muslims shopped, ate and prayed.

The program was known as the Demographics Unit and, though the NYPD denies its existence, the squad maintained a long list of "ancestries of interest" and received daily reports on life in Muslim neighborhoods, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The documents offer a rare glimpse into an intelligence program shaped and steered by a CIA officer. It was an unusual partnership, one that occasionally blurred the line between domestic and foreign spying. The CIA is prohibited from gathering intelligence inside the U.S.

Undercover police officers, known as rakers, visited Islamic bookstores and cafes, businesses and clubs. Police looked for businesses that attracted certain minorities, such as taxi companies hiring Pakistanis. They were told to monitor current events, keep an eye on community bulletin boards inside houses of worship and look for "hot spots" of trouble.

The Demographics Unit, a team of 16 officers speaking at least five languages, is the only squad of its kind known to be operating in the country.

ACROSS THE NATION

Obama yields to Boehner's Sept. 8 speech timing

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a retreat after an hours-long test of wills Wednesday, President Barack Obama agreed to deliver an address on jobs and the economy to a joint session of Congress on Sept. 8, yielding to House Speaker John Boehner, who had balked at Obama's request for a Sept. 7 speech. Obama's address still gives him a grand stage to unveil his economic agenda, but it falls on the same evening as the opening game of the National Football League season. White House officials were working on the precise timing of the speech.

Judge blocks NM plan to verify immigrant licenses

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico judge blocked Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's administration Wednesday from requiring tens of thousands of immigrants to recertify their driver's licenses and verify whether they continue to live in the state. Martinez last month announced the residency verification plan, which represents the administration's latest effort to focus attention on the state's politically charged license policy, which the governor contends poses a security risk. New Mexico is one of three states—the others are Washington and Utah—where an illegal immigrant can get a driver's license because no proof of citizenship is required.

Katia now a hurricane; too early to talk threat

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Katia became the second named hurricane of the season in the Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday, but forecasters said it was too soon to determine where it might head. The National Hurricane Center in Miami cautioned the public—still recovering along parts of the East Coast from Irene—not to stress over the storm. It is over warm waters and in a low wind shear environment, two ingredients that could propel it to become a major hurricane, likely by the weekend. But it's too soon to tell if it will ever come near land.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

BLAS T. MAGOFNA ("Trustor"), on or about January 12, 1995, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 20, 1995, under Document No. 95-143 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 B 12, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 737 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 5014/94, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 94-396, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1994, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Acting Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$54,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 0051 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$80,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$80,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, VIRGINA Q. CASTRO, LILLIAN Q. CASTRO, ALFREDO Q. CASTRO, ANICIA C. SONODA, and LEE VINCENT R. CASTRO, Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B
NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virginia Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the following described, real property situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as **Lot No. 002 T 03** (Formerly Block 1 Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, September 2, 2011,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or Credit Card[1]. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of David O. Sablan and Bernadita M. Sablan in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission y any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of July 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

[1] MC and Visa only: 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payment.

Legal Description — Lot 002 T 03
Land Area — 1,367 square meters
Location — San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan
CDA Rights Appraised — Fee Simple Interest
Utilities Available — Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable
Market Value — $113,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
(Tinian and Rota Properties)

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The properties are being sold **"AS IS"**;
2. The properties are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **CDA Conference Room, Second Floor** on **Friday, September 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**
4. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale.
5. Terms of the sale are cash, credit card (MC and Visa only: 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payment) or certified check; and
6. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

/S/ **MANUEL A. SABLAN**
Executive Director

MARPO, TINIAN (Duplex)
Lot No. 131 T 31
Lot Size: 1,322 sqm
Appraised 2008: $70,000

Tracts 21769-R2-4, GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009: $2,400.00
Area:850 sqm

Tract 21769-R2-3, GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009:$2,800.00
Area:900 sqm

Asia

PH leader urges China to boost investment

BEIJING (AP)—The Philippine president urged Chinese companies on Wednesday to invest more in his country despite a territorial spat and pledged they would receive open and equal access.

President Benigno Aquino III, starting a weeklong visit to China, said the economic climate is ideal for Chinese companies to invest in the Philippines' growing tourism, agriculture and infrastructure industries.

"China is an economic power. I now invite the Chinese business community to take part in this opportunity to invest in an emerging economic force in Southeast Asia," Aquino told the Philippines-China Economic and Trade Forum.

About 300 business leaders joined Aquino on the trip to China, which lags the U.S. and Japan as the Philippines' third-largest trading partner.

The two sides signed an agreement Wednesday on a five-year plan to boost trade six-fold to $60 billion. They also agreed to promote tourism and language training.

Aquino also held talks with his counterpart Hu Jintao, who said he wanted to boost relations.

"I believe your visit to China this time will further deepen our friendship, promote our practical cooperation and elevate the strategic and cooperative relationship between our two countries to a new height," Hu said.

Aquino is to meet Premier Wen Jiabao on Thursday and visit Shanghai on Friday and southern Fujian province on Saturday.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China says carrier met targets in first sea trial

BEIJING (AP)—China says its first aircraft carrier attained all its set objectives in its initial sea trial last month. According to Thursday's official Global Times newspaper, Defense Ministry spokesman Yang Yujun says the refurbished ex-Soviet carrier will continue to undergo testing. He gave no further details. China says the ship is intended for research and training, pointing to longer-term plans to build up to three additional clones of the carrier in China's own shipyards.

Suicide car bomb kills 10 in southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—A suicide car bomber attacked Shiite Muslims in southwestern Pakistan on Wednesday as they were heading home after morning prayers at the start of an Islamic holiday. The blast killed 10 people, officials said. The attack occurred in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but Baluchistan is believed to be home to many Taliban militants who have targeted Shiites in the past. Extremist Sunni Muslim groups like the Taliban view Shiites as heretics.

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IN DEED OF TRUST

HERMAN M. GUERRERO aka Herman M. Deleon Guerrero and Asunta T. Guerrero aka Asunta T. Deleon Guerrero (collectively "Trustor"), on or about July 18, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 18, 1983, under Document No. 17740 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Tract number 20472-9, and containing an area of 926 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/cadastral plat number 2064/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 14154, on the 26th day of March, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$63,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Merced M. Tomokane, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$63,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IGNACIO A. CABRERA AND ANA B. CABRERA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 20, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 21, 1983 under Document No. 83-90 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 006 T 18, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 901 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 006 T 01, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 18011, ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1983

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$54,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

JOHN ALAN C. KING AND CARLA MARIE DLC. KING (collectively"Trustor"), on or about November 08, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 12, 2003, under Document No. 03-2781 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 321 CONTAINING AS AREA OF 838 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS AS SHOWN ON THE DIVEISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 08 DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1996, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 97-746, DATED APRIL 02, 1996, THE DESRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCROPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 02, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

JUAN F. BARCINAS and BARBARA DLC. EVANGELISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 14, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 16, 1983, under Document No. 17490 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT 001 T 52, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 T 00, DATED AUGUST 14, 1969, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,486 SQUARE METERS.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$92,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$92,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

DONNA Q. KAPILEO and DONOVAN K. TECHUR (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999 under Document No. 99-2778 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

LORETTA K. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about June 29, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 30, 1998, under Document No. 98-1942 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 010 K 05, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 892 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 010 K 01 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 87-2911 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$40,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$40,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

World

A Gadhafi son vows no surrender to Libyan rebels

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Two men claiming to be Moammar Gadhafi's sons made conflicting appeals from hiding Wednesday night, with one of them calling for talks with rebel leaders and the other urging the regime's loyalists to fight to the death.

The dueling messages reflected the growing turmoil in Gadhafi's inner circle on the eve of the 42nd anniversary of his rise to power. This year, the dictator is a fugitive from opposition fighters who have seized most of the country in a six-month civil war. Now, they say they're hot on his trail.

The rebels are pooling tips about Moammar Gadhafi's whereabouts from captured regime fighters and others, and believe he is most likely no longer in Tripoli, said Abdel Hakim Belhaj, the rebels' military chief in the capital.

Rebel forces have been advancing toward three regime strongholds: the town of Sirte, Gadhafi's hometown, as well as the towns of Bani Walid and Sabha, the latter hundreds of miles south of the capital of Tripoli.

There has been speculation that Gadhafi is hiding in one of them.

In telephone calls to Arab TV stations within minutes of each other Wednesday night, two men claiming to be Gadhafi's sons sent messages to the Libyan people.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0002

TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Termite and Pest Control Services.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday (August 22, 2011) to Friday between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 19, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0002 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0002" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m local time September 19, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00am local time September 19, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitac@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 19, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 19, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 27, 2011 at 1:300pm.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ John D. Guerrero
Facilities Manager

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0003

AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Termite and Pest Control Services.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday (August 22, 2011) to Friday between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0003 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0003" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m local time September 20, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00am local time September 20, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitac@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 20, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 20, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 28, 2011 at 1:300pm.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114
Containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$38,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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UNDER POWER OF SALE
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DONALD C. CAMACHO and ROSALINDA ULLOA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 20, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 23, 2004 under Document No. 04-3035 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 5, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$66,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$66,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$34,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$34,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

GINA K. SOMORANG/ SOLEDAD K. SOMORANG AND MIGUEL O. SOMORANG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about May 02, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 03, 1984, under Document No. 84-686 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 548, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 885 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYE'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ark. man in plane spots his home being burglarized

BAY, Ark. (AP)—An Arkansas man who wanted to capture aerial photos of his home during his first plane ride instead helped catch two men burglarizing it. Steven Lynn said he could see the two taking items from his house. "I looked down, and sure enough, there was a truck hooked onto a trailer, and guys were loading stuff up," Lynn told The Jonesboro Sun. "It didn't seem to faze them that we were buzzing over in an airplane; we got down pretty low." Lynn called an uncle who lives nearby and 911. Craighead County Sheriff's deputy Phillip Wheaton said the two men unloaded the trailer and left the scene when the uncle arrived. But the pilot and Lynn's uncle followed them until they were stopped near Bay by Wheaton and two other officers. The two men in the truck, Roosevelt Smith III and Joseph Peel, both of Jonesboro, now face burglary and theft charges.

TSA: Man hid 7 snakes, 3 tortoises in his pants

MIAMI (AP)—The Transportation Security Administration says a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with nylon bags filled with exotic snakes and tortoises hidden in his pants. TSA spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last Thursday. Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes and three tortoises stuffed inside the man's pants. The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife. The unidentified passenger was arrested.

Lease turns former Boston bathroom into eatery

BOSTON (AP)—A former bathroom in the nation's oldest public park is being converted into a sandwich shop. The 660-square-foot Pink Palace restroom was built on Boston Common in the 1920s. It hasn't been used as a restroom since the 1970s. Boston officials announced Wednesday that Mayor Thomas Menino signed a 15-year lease with the Orlando, Fla.-based Earl of Sandwich chain for a takeout operation at the site. Earl of Sandwich will pay $50,000 annually. It will renovate the interior of the mausoleum-like structure for use as a kitchen, with storage and prep areas. The goal is to open the shop as early as next spring.

Golfer mistaken for clown charged with DWI in NY

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP)—A Massachusetts man whose colorful golf attire was briefly mistaken for a clown outfit has been charged in New York with driving a golf cart while drunk. The Genesee County sheriff says they got a report that someone dressed as a clown was operating a stolen golf cart in the western New York town of Batavia on Sunday night. Deputies found 37-year-old James Straub, of Stoneham, Mass., driving along a road. He wasn't dressed as a clown—just wearing some colorful clothing after an outing at Terry Hills Golf Course. But deputies say he was intoxicated.

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IN DEED OF TRUST

CARMENT T. ANDON and SAMUEL M. ANDON (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 22, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 2, 2004, under Document No. 04-2544 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 308, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 797 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 06, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$42,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$42,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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ELOY T. DELA CRUZ and SHIRLEY ANN R. DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 23, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 29, 2002, under Document No. 02-2209 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 002 G 263, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$56,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$56,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

LUCIA M. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about May 23, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 23, 1985, under Document No. 85-0991 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 20472-6, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 907 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2064/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND COMMISSION AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14154, ON THE 26TH OF MARCH, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$84,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

RICARDO P. CASTRO and LORENZA P. CASTRO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 8, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-3276 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 685
Containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$38,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$53,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$53,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in As Matuis, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 045 A 064, containing an area of 949 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 045 A 003 dated July 12, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1671, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be $80,000.00.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
3. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
4. Deposit: Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
5. Change of Terms: Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
6. Inspection and No Warranty: Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2011.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

Science & Technology

Two Sony tablets aim to stand out from the crowd

NEW YORK (AP)—Sony Corp. on Wednesday revealed its first two tablet computers, with some features that aim to set them apart from the herd of iPad competitors.

The Tablet S, which is about the size of an iPad, can double as a universal remote control. The tablet is wedge-shaped, with one side thicker than the other. The shape mimics that of a magazine that's been folded over.

The Tablet P is small enough to fit in a purse and opens like a book to reveal two screens. When used for e-book reading, it can be held vertically and show one page on each screen. When composing email, the upper screen can show the message while the lower one shows a keyboard.

AP

In this screen shot provided by Sony Corp., the Tablet P is displayed.

The Tablet P will be compatible with AT&T's cellular broadband network. It will go sale later this year at a price yet to be determined.

Sony said the Tablet S is going on sale immediately for $499 or $599, depending on how much memory is included.

The tablets tie into other Sony properties. For instance, they will be able to run games created for the original PlayStation and the PlayStation Portable. They'll also have apps that connect to Sony's Music Unlimited and Video Unlimited content stores, formerly known as Qriocity.

Other electronics companies are trying to differentiate their tablets from the iPad as well. On Tuesday, Lenovo Corp. launched a "business-oriented" tablet that comes with a stylus.

Facebook to OK further music integration

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Facebook is preparing to bolster the programming tools it offers to licensed music services like Rhapsody, Spotify, MOG and Rdio to make it easier for users of the social network to find out what songs their friends are digging.

The tools won't amount to a unique music service on its own, since Facebook has not negotiated licensing deals with major music companies, according to a person familiar with the matter.

But it will make give Facebook users yet another reason to stick around. Being more aware of what your friends are listening to could make the subscription music plans more attractive. They all offer unlimited listening to millions of new and old tracks on mobile devices for $10 a month, but they have yet to gain enough traction to replace revenue the music industry has lost from declining CD sales.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter and declined to be identified.

Facebook is expected to reveal the specific set of tools at its developer conference in San Francisco, called f8, on Sept. 22.

Spokesman Larry Wu said Facebook had nothing new to announce. "Many of the most popular music services around the world are integrated with Facebook and we're constantly talking to our partners about ways to improve these integrations," he said in a statement.

This week, subscription leader Rhapsody launched a beta version of its integration using Facebook's sign-in tool, Facebook Connect. A Rhapsody customer can now "like" an artist or song, and doing so lets others know in the person's Facebook news feed.

Virus gives removal tool the runaround

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: Your solution for removing the Google Redirect Virus from my computer doesn't work on my PC. I downloaded the Symantec removal tool to my desktop; when I click on the icon I get a message asking me to press "proceed" so the computer can restart. When the PC boots up, a message says, "no problems found" but the Redirect Virus remains. I'm not sure the software is working because I'm never asked to start a scan. What should I do?—Christian Toto, Denver

ANSWER: Symantec says that, under certain conditions, computers can almost immediately become re-infected with the Google Redirect Virus, which Symantec calls "Backdoor.tidserv." The company offers tips for dealing with that problem at http://tinyurl.com/3oycemn.

Among other things, they suggest running an antivirus scan in Windows "Safe Mode" (in which only essential programs are allowed to run.) After that, they recommend running the virus removal program both with and without your Internet connection plugged in. That will determine whether your computer is being reinfected from outside, or whether the infection is hiding on your computer inside programs that have known security vulnerabilities—but for which there are now immunizing updates.

For everyone else who's had the Google Redirect virus, here's what you should do: Download the free Symantec virus removal tool at http://www.tinyurl.com/2dmtozz. Once you click on the downloaded software, you'll be prompted to close all programs before clicking again to restart your PC. A scan should start automatically after your PC is rebooted. I got a box in the center of the screen that said TDSS Fix Tool 2.1.3; it had a "progress bar" that showed the names of the files being scanned. When the virus is found, it will be removed.

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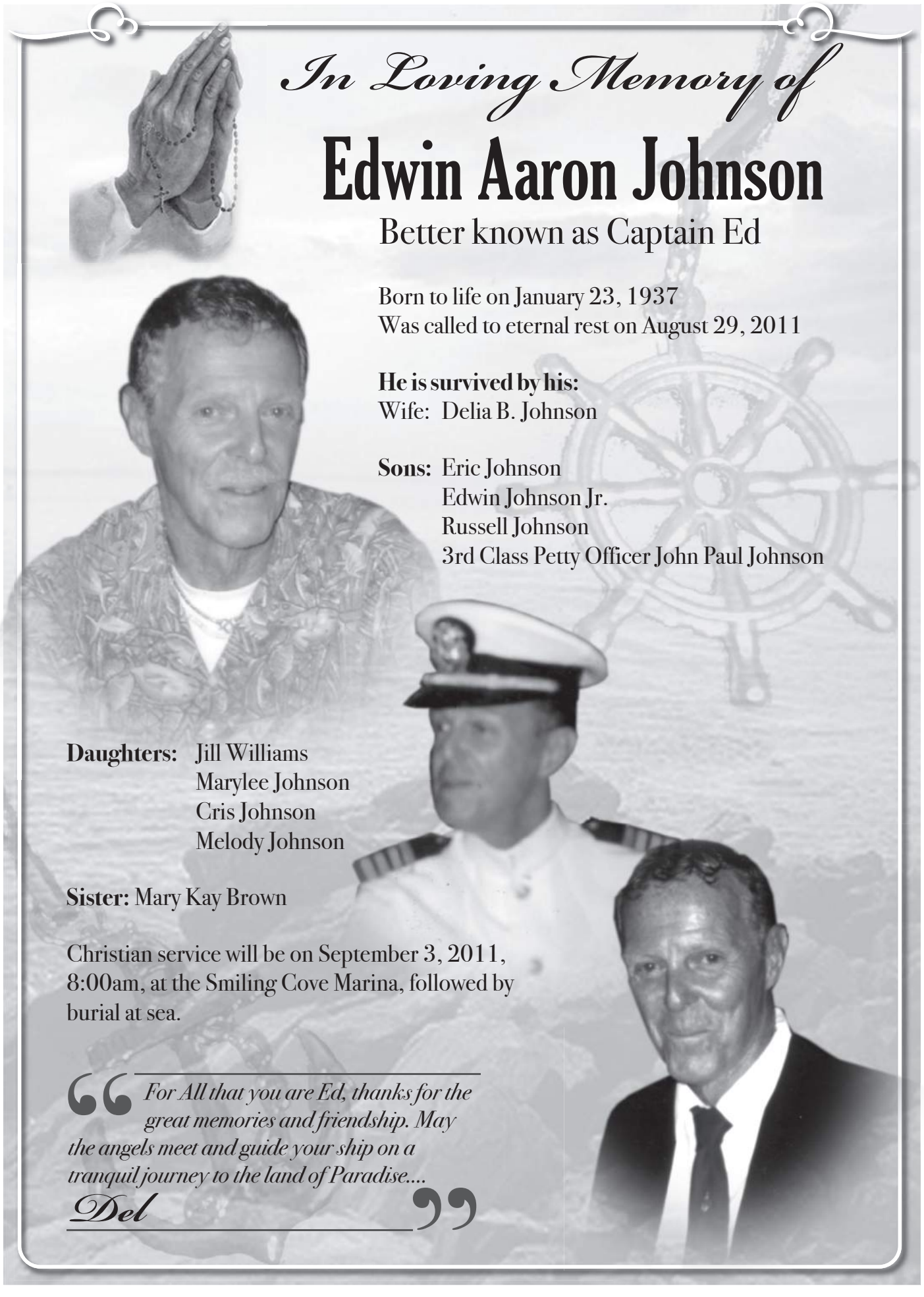
Q: I had a music file in my Windows downloads folder, but I later moved the file to another folder where I keep other music. The music plays fine from its new location, but there is now a blank icon in the downloads folder where the music file used to be. When I try to delete this icon, which contains zero bytes of data, I get a message that says "Could not find this item." How can I delete this icon?—Marc Magellan, Miami, Fla.

A: Your PC is confused because it can't find the file it wants to delete. So let's give it the file that it wants. Go to the folder where you keep the music file now, define and copy the music file, then paste a copy into the downloads folder. Now delete the music file from your downloads folder. The blank icon should disappear, while your music remains safe in the folder to which you moved it.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Daughters: Jill Williams
Marylee Johnson
Cris Johnson
Melody Johnson
Sister: Mary Kay Brown
Christian service will be on September 3, 2011, 8:00am, at the Smiling Cove Marina, followed by burial at sea.
For All that you are Ed, thanks for the great memories and friendship. May the angels meet and guide your ship on a tranquil journey to the land of Paradise....
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Gonzalo López-Gallego, director

Science fiction • Rated PP 13

Synopsis

NASA's cancelled trip to the moon in the 1970s is the basis for this found footage-style picture exploring what if the urban legend were true that the mission actually did occur and the proof of extraterrestrial life exists on film. Wanted's Timur Bekmambetov produces the film, with Spanish director Gonzalo Lopez-Gallego taking on helming duties.

Shark Night 2D

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday & Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Monday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Tues thru Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Sinqua Walls, Chris Carmack

Horror • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Vacationing college students fight a shiver of sharks after traveling to an island getaway and being surrounded by the ferocious man-eaters in this sun-soaked shocker from director David R. Ellis (Final Destination 2, Snakes on a Plane). The moment Sara (Sara Paxton) and her friends arrive at her parent's Louisiana lake house, the party is in full gear. Everyone is swimming in the salt-water lake and having a blast until Malik (Sinqua Walls) loses his arm in what initially appears to be a tragic wake-boarding mishap. Determined to get him to the nearest hospital as quickly as possible, Malik's friends fire up the speedboat and hit the water full throttle. It isn't until they're far from shore that the reality of the situation finally dawns on them—the lake is teeming with hungry sharks, and a tiny speedboat isn't about to stop them from getting their next meal. Suddenly, a severed arm is the least of their worries.

Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:40
Saturday & Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:40
Monday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Tues thru Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Guy Pearce, Katie Holmes

Horror • Rated R

Conan The Barbarian

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday & Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Monday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Tues thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Jason Momoa, Rachel Nichols

Action Fantasy • Rated R

Spy Kids: All The Time In The World

Friday		4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday & Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
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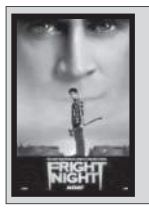
Jessica Alba, Joel McHale

Spy film, Adventure • Rated PG



Fright Night

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Tues thru Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Collin Farrell, Anthon Yelchin

Horror • Rated R

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Friday		4:20	7:20	10:00
Saturday & Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	10:00
Monday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Tues thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

James Franco, Freida Pinto

Science fiction • Rated PG 13

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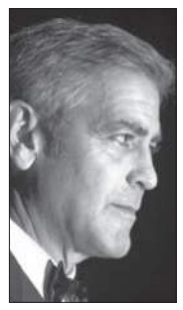
Life & Style

George Clooney rules out political bid in US

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Idealism loses out to cynicism in George Clooney's political drama "The Ides of March," which opens the Venice Film Festival.



Clooney

Clooney directs and acts in the political drama that features Ryan Gosling as a gung-ho press secretary swept into a sex scandal in the final days of a Democratic presidential primary in Ohio. Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Paul Giamatti are rival campaign managers who use loyalty as a weapon in their epic battle for victory.

Marisa Tomei plays a Times reporter angling for scoops on the campaign trail. And Evan Rachel Wood, a pretty campaign volunteer eager to play in the big leagues, is yet another figure giving female political interns a bad rap.

Clooney's idealistic presidential candidate, Pennsylvania Gov. Mike Morris, has a straightforward platform: He's nonreligious but defends the freedom of religion. He also opposes the death penalty and wants to phase out internal combustion engines to reduce American dependence on foreign oil.

Clooney plays the presidential candidate, but told reporters at the festival Wednesday he is not looking to be one in real life.

"As for running for president, look, there's a guy in office right now who is smarter than almost anyone you know, who's nicer and who has more compassion than almost anyone you know. And he's having an almost impossible time governing. Why would anybody volunteer for that job?" Clooney told a news conference.

"I have a really good job. I get to hang out with very seductive people. So I have no interest," Clooney said.

Mel Gibson to pay ex $750K to settle fight

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mel Gibson will pay $750,000 to his ex-girlfriend and continue to provide housing and financial support for their young daughter to resolve a bitter legal fight that followed sexist, racist rants attributed to the actor.

The settlement disclosed Wednesday is intended to end the bickering and accusations that have permeated the case handled in mostly secret proceedings for more than a year, Superior Court Judge Peter Lichtman said.

Gibson

Gibson's payments to Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva are dependent on a lasting truce.

As part of the agreement, their daughter will receive support equal to what the actor-director provides for his other seven children. The former couple will split custody of the girl, who turns 2 in late October.

In addition, Gibson will keep paying for a multimillion house he purchased for Grigorieva and their daughter. The house will be sold when the girl turns 18 and she will receive the proceeds.

T.I. arrives at halfway house with entourage

ATLANTA (AP)—Grammy-winning rapper T.I. stepped off a luxury motor coach bus Wednesday evening to start serving the rest of his time in a halfway house for a probation violation with a new book deal and TV reality show waiting for him.

Harris

The artist, whose real name is Clifford Harris, earlier left the Forrest City low-security prison in Arkansas and was driven the 375 or so miles in the bus with dark-colored windows, followed by four other cars.

Dressed in a red and blue striped polo shirt and white shorts, T.I. stepped off the bus with his entourage to check into the halfway house.

"The storm is over & da sun back out. IT'S OUR TIME TO SHINE SHAWTY!!!!!" the rapper posted on Twitter shortly after his release. "Welcome to the beginning of our Happy Ending!!!!"

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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT/ UPGRADE, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67, CPA-SA-003-09.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011,** at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade to include the replacement of the damaged roof waterproofing with existing insulation board and diversion of the roof drain all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 240 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of $500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, ~~**10:00 AM, AUGUST 12, 2011**~~, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:
/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: Augsut 24, 2011

Cher takes to Twitter to defend Chaz Bono on DWTS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cher is taking to Twitter to defend her son Chaz Bono.

The superstar posted several tweets Wednesday defending his participation on the upcoming season of "Dancing With the Stars." Bono is the first transgender competitor on the hit ABC show.

Cher says her son, who was born female and underwent surgery to become a man, is being "viciously attacked" on blogs and message boards since the new cast was announced Monday.

"This is Still America right? It took guts 2 do it," Cher wrote, adding that she supports him no matter what he chooses to do.

"Mothers don't stop Getting angry with stupid bigots who (mess) with their children!" the 65-year-old singer wrote.

Bono, 42, is paired with pro dancer Lacey Schwimmer on the reality show, where celebrities and their professional partners perform various ballroom dances for judges' scores and viewer votes.

"Dancing" fans have posted both angry and supportive comments on the show's message boards. One called the casting choice "disgusting" and said "ABC should be ashamed of theirselves for harassing mainstream Americans and Christains."

Another wrote: "I never and mean NEVER watch DWTS but will this season to support/vote for (Chaz)."

On his own Twitter page, Bono described himself as "the luckiest guy around" and thanked his fans for their support. He also thanked Cher.

"Thanks for all your support mom," he wrote. "The haters are just motivating me to work harder and stay on DWTS as long as I possibly can."

The 13th season of "Dancing With the Stars" is set to premiere Sept. 19.

AP

In this Nov. 18, 2010 file photo, Cher, left, and Chaz Bono pose together after a ceremony to put Cher's hands and feet in cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

Marc Anthony to ABC: Split not 'sensationalistic'

NEW YORK (AP)—Marc Anthony is setting the record straight on his breakup from Jennifer Lopez in an upcoming exclusive interview with ABC.

Anthony tells ABC's "Nightline" that the crumbling of their marriage "wasn't something sensationalistic."

Tabloids have claimed Anthony was unfaithful, but he says the truth is the union no longer worked. He also says the decision was mutual.

The pair announced their split in July after seven years of marriage. The couple has 3-year-old twins named Max and Emme.

Anthony says he wants to move forward with his life and career. He summarizes his situation as "not a funeral, not a burial."

Part of the interview will air on Thursday's "Good Morning America." The full interview will air Thursday night on ABC's "Nightline."

Rihanna sues over leaks at $7 million LA-area home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rihanna is suing over a hillside home that she claims has serious structural defects that rendered in uninhabitable.

Rihanna

The pop singer on Wednesday sued Prudential California Realty and several companies that designed and inspected the home.

The "S&M" singer's lawsuit claims she would not have paid $6.9 million for the home in 2009 if she had known about the problems. She claims water leaked into several rooms of the house from a balcony that lacks the proper slope and drainage after a rainstorm in early 2010. The suit states the damage left the home "uninhabitable."

She claims Landmark Design Group, which remodeled the home, has failed to make necessary repairs.

Landmark could not be reached for comment. Prudential spokeswoman Wendy Durand says the company does not comment on pending lawsuits.

Robert Downey Jr., wife expecting their 1st child

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Downey Jr. and his wife, Susan, are expecting their first child together.

A representative for the 46-year-old actor confirmed a report Wednesday on People magazine's website. The baby is due early next year.

The couple were married in 2005. They met on the set of the film "Gothika," which Susan co-produced.

Downey has a teenage son, Indio, with ex-wife Deborah Falconer.

He received Oscar nominations for his roles in "Chaplin" and "Tropic Thunder." His film credits also include "Sherlock Holmes" and the "Iron Man" films.

AP

In a May 19, 2011 file photo, actor Robert Downey Jr. and his wife Susan pose together at the premiere of the film "The Hangover Part II" in Los Angeles.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Alyssa Milano and husband welcome a baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alyssa Milano is a mom. A publicist for the 38-year-old actress says Milano gave birth to a seven pound baby boy Wednesday morning: Milo Thomas Bugliari. This is the first child for Milano and her husband, David Bugliari, who wed in August 2009. Milano wrote on her Twitter page Wednesday that her heart "has tripled in size" and that she loves her new son "more than all the leaves on all the trees." Milano starred in TV's "Who's the Boss?" and "Charmed" and can next be seen on screen in the ensemble comedy "New Year's Eve." Bugliari is an agent with Creative Artists Agency.

ABC airing new Jackie Kennedy interviews Sept. 13

NEW YORK (AP)—An ABC special with never-before-heard interviews with Jacqueline Kennedy will air Sept. 13. Viewers will hear the former first lady speak with historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. about life in the White House and with her husband, President John F. Kennedy. The recordings were made months after the president's 1963 assassination and sealed until now. Originally planned for one hour, the special will now fill two hours in prime time and feature Diane Sawyer's interview with the couple's daughter, Caroline Kennedy. The ABC special is timed to coincide with the publication of a book about the interviews. The release is also timed to the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy administration. Jackie Kennedy later married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. She died in 1994 at age 64.

'Phantom' to bid farewell to original cast member

NEW YORK (AP)—Saturday night's performance of "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway will be perhaps most memorable for someone who's seen the show a lot. It will be the last one for actor George Lee Andrews, who will have wrapped up his 9,382nd show over 23 years. The show helped him capture the Guinness World Records title for the most performances in the same Broadway show. Producers revealed this week that 68-year-old Andrews would not be continuing in the role of Monsieur Andre. Aaron Galligan-Stierle, who is Andrew's son-in-law, will take over the part beginning Sept. 5. Andrews' other credits include the original Broadway productions of "On the Twentieth Century" and "A Little Night Music." He was an original cast member of "Phantom," the longest-running show in Broadway history.

Volatile sister has to be stopped before she hurts son

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister I love dearly. "Thea" is married to a wonderful man, and they have a 3-year-old son I love as if he were my own. My problem is Thea has a nasty, violent temper, and she doesn't hesitate to use it toward the boy.

Recently when he was overtired and needed to go to bed, Thea said he "knows better than to push me by throwing a tantrum." She then threatened to "beat him bloody" if he didn't "shut up" and go to sleep. Abby, she had already swatted his behind to the point that he could no longer stand up.

This feels like abuse to me. When I suggested that perhaps Thea should try to calm down before she hits him (more than she already had), she threw me out of her house! I am terrified that this may be happening more often than I realize. But what if what I witnessed was just an isolated incident? If I act on it, I may never have a relationship with my sister again.

What (if anything) can I do? I'm worried for the safety of my nephew, but I don't want to cause a rift I can't mend.

MIDWEST AUNTIE

DEAR AUNTIE: It appears your sister has serious anger issues and lacks parenting skills. A mother who "swats" her child to the point that he can no longer stand IS an abuser, and she needs an intervention before her child is seriously hurt. Because Thea's reaction when you tried to intervene and calm her down was to throw you out of the house, the next step is to call Childhelp USA. The toll-free number is 800-422-4453. Your call will be kept confidential and a counselor can guide you further. Please don't procrastinate.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Roger," died recently. I am working through the devastating grief of his passing, but the core of my pain was listening to the eulogies at his funeral.

I expected Roger's friends and family to share happy memories and celebrate the best of his life. However, many of those who spoke—including his granddaughter—chose to remember him as a notorious womanizer both while his wife was alive and after her death. Stories were shared about how he constantly hit on much younger women, including his daughter's childhood friends. One "gentleman" even shared an "amusing" anecdote about how he and Roger found out they were sleeping with the same woman.

I knew about Roger's past before he met me and I managed to come to terms with it, but I did not expect it to be brought up as entertainment at his memorial. I also thought it to be inappropriate with his late wife's family in attendance.

Now my memories are tainted, and I feel dirty and used. I live 500 miles from Roger's home and will probably never see those people again. What can I do to get over this anger that continues to haunt me?

STILL IN MOURNING

DEAR STILL MOURNING: A eulogy is usually a respectful recapitulation of the deceased's life story, which includes loving memories, lessons taught, examples set by the person. What happened at the funeral was an indication that Roger left behind bitter memories that were voiced by those who spoke. How sad for all concerned.

However, this has nothing to do with you and your relationship with Roger. And the quickest way to work through your feelings would be to practice forgiveness and go on with your life—in which Roger was just a chapter.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable—and most frequently requested – poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

THE FEARSOME SHARK SENSES DISTRESS IN THE WAVES ABOVE HIM!
HE CIRCLES UP, CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE TERRIFIED VICTIM!
HEY!
YAHH!
SNAP
THRASH
SNAP!
YOU KNOW, FOR SOMEONE WHO HATES BATHS AS MUCH AS YOU DO, YOU'RE NOT MAKING THIS GO ANY FASTER!
ANOTHER GRUESOME KILL...

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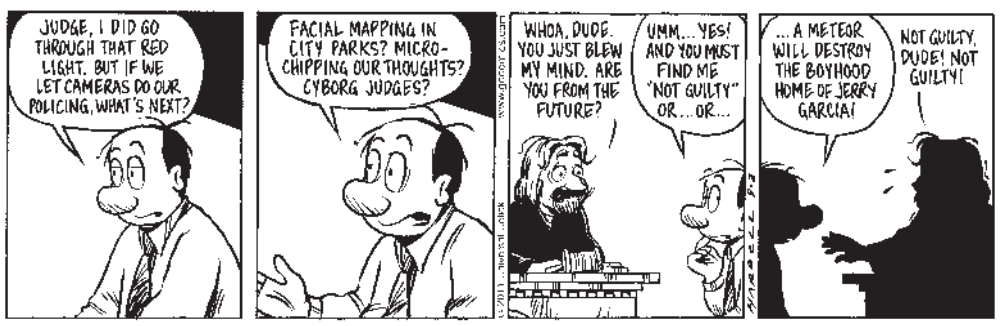
JUDGE, I DID GO THROUGH THAT RED LIGHT. BUT IF WE LET CAMERAS DO OUR POLICING, WHAT'S NEXT?
FACIAL MAPPING IN CITY PARKS? MICRO-CHIPPING OUR THOUGHTS? CYBORG JUDGES?
WHOA, DUDE. YOU JUST BLEW MY MIND. ARE YOU FROM THE FUTURE?
UMM... YES! AND YOU MUST FIND ME "NOT GUILTY" OR... OR...
... A METEOR WILL DESTROY THE BOYHOOD HOME OF JERRY GARCIA!
NOT GUILTY, DUDE! NOT GUILTY!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Restroom, for short
4 Upper limit
7 Common ailments
12 "The Greatest"
13 Flamenco cheer
14 Refuge
15 Snapshots
16 Got really mad
18 Rushmore face
19 Angle on a gem
20 Galvanizing matter
22 Solidify
23 Poi base
27 Weeding need
29 Courtroom VIP
31 Kiddie-lit elephant
34 Portion
35 Online bookseller
37 Driver's license datum
38 Bronx cheer
39 "— Blue?"
41 Cab
45 Second president
47 X rating?
48 Linda Ronstadt hit
52 Moreover
53 Supermarket section
54 Inseparable
55 Golf position
56 To the rear, at sea
57 Roulette bet
58 Remiss

DOWN
1 Bolivia's capital
2 Out, of sorts?
3 Prancer's yokemate
4 — salad
5 Claim
6 Cause of annoyance
7 Brat's stocking stuffer
8 Lummox
9 Fighting Tigers' sch.
10 Badmouth (Sl.)
11 Away from NNW
17 Healthy
21 Actor Palminteri
23 'Mid, poetically
24 Sailor's assent
25 Fun and games
26 Raw rock
28 Acapulco gold
30 Mimic
31 Prevent
32 Doc's org.
33 Director Luhrmann
36 Zilch, in Xochimilco
37 Author de Beauvoir
40 City boss
42 In any way, shape or form
43 Ohio city
44 Alphabetical listing
45 Help a hood
46 Sought damages
48 Ovine comment
49 Canadian pol. party
50 G8 member
51 Sprite

Solution time: 25 mins.

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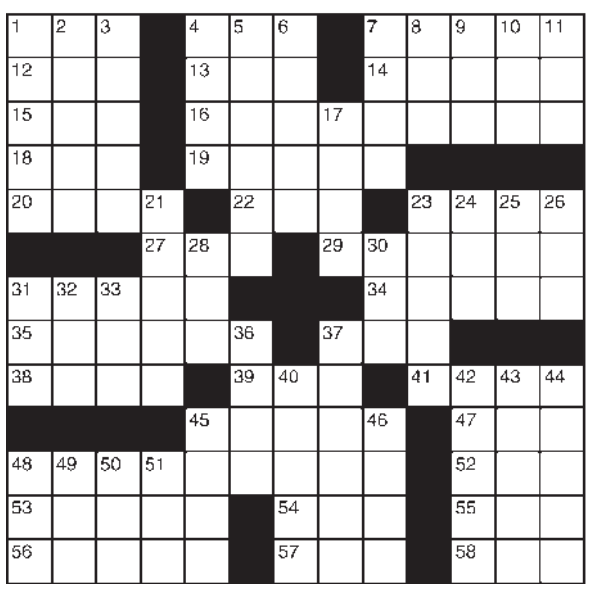
Yesterday's answer 9-2



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Salma Hayek, 45; Keanu Reeves, 47; Mark Harmon, 60; Terry Bradshaw, 63.

Happy Birthday: Travel, socializing and making your home the perfect spot for you should be high on your list of things to do. You can make money through worthwhile investments or selling off possessions, as well as through offering your skills at a price. Helping others will lead to greater involvement with people who share your vision or need your help. Love is in the stars, and discussing your personal plans will pay off. Your numbers are 9, 14, 20, 33, 36, 38, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't limit the possibilities. If someone pressures you, be prepared to reciprocate. Concentrate on honing your skills and using what you have to offer in a unique manner. There is no time to bicker over something you cannot change. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A partnership will open doors to bigger and better opportunities. Love is in the stars, and planning something special will enhance your current relationship or, if single, lead to an interesting encounter. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Do your best to take care of any pressing matters at home before you go out with friends or get involved in social events. Avoid emotional discussions. A personal problem will develop if you are flirtatious. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Interact with friends, neighbors and relatives. You should enjoy getting involved in a hobby or interest that makes you feel like you are accomplishing something. Shopping for bargains should be scheduled. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do your best to finish what you start, especially if it has to do with a promise you made to someone special. You can change your home or plan to visit a place you've never been before. The change will do you good. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll have a clear-cut vision regarding how you can help friends, family or someone in need. Your kindness will impress the people you encounter throughout the day. Visit familiar places or touch base with someone from your past with whom you would like to reconnect. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You have to pay more attention to how you can work toward greater financial freedom. Use your insight and creative ideas to come up with a prosperous venture. Using emotional tactics, you will have no trouble persuading the right people to support your plans. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): It's time to have a little fun. Whether you are single or in a relationship, it's important to interact with people who interest you. Much can be accomplished if you are upfront about your feelings and intentions. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Accept the inevitable and keep on moving. Not everyone will agree with what you are doing or planning, but as long as you don't mislead anyone, you should be able to make the changes required to reach your goals. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Added responsibilities may be a burden, but if you do what's being asked, it will become clear that good results will materialize. Changes at home will pay off and bring you greater respect, coupled with a promise from someone who is important to you. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let emotional matters escalate. You have to stay in control and call the shots. Listen and observe, and it will help you avoid trouble and make a wise choice. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Touch base with yesteryear. People, places and old ideas will surface, allowing you to revisit some goals that got left by the wayside. Don't be afraid to contact someone from your past who can help you with a goal you want to pursue. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intense, persistent, detail-oriented, creative and worldly.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		3	7		8		2	
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			6		9			7
4		7				1		5
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8		1				4		6
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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4	3	7	2	6	1	5	9	8
2	9	1	8	7	6	4	5	3
5	4	8	9	2	3	6	7	1
3	7	6	5	1	4	2	8	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/01

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CHITO M. CACHERO, Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0243
vs.	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**
LUZ PADUYAO, Respondent,	)	

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 504958 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 18th day of August 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Veronica D. Masuli &
Rafael G. Masuli
P.O. Box 502772
Saipan, MP 96950

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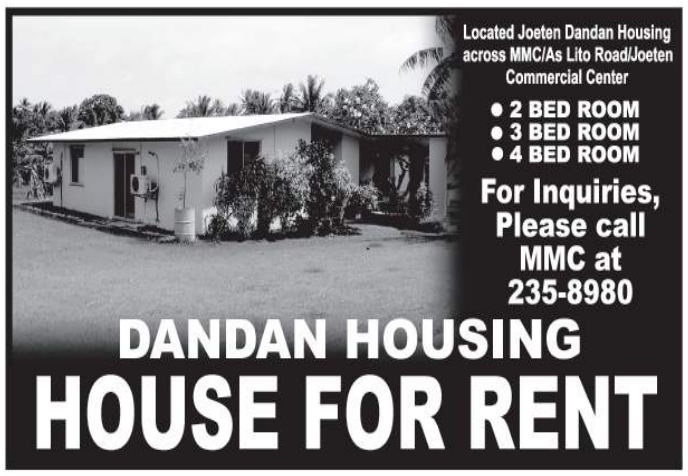
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPOINT GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP FOR:	)	**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 11 - 0363**
R.D.M. Minor Child,	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	)	
Veronica D. Masuli & Rafael G. Masuli Petitioners	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on September 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Perry B. Inos.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2011.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	)	**Civil Action No. 06-0324-CV**
vs.	)	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
FRANCISCO A. AGUON and ROSALIA M. AGUON, Defendants.	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 15th day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 16th day of September, 2011 at 10 a.m., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 011 G 1051, located on Saipan, containing an area of 902 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Plat No. 011 G 19 dated December 3, 1993 and recorded on December 9, 1993 as File No. 93-4287 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	)	**Civil Action No. 06-0329-CV**
vs.	)	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
DEWAYNE I. SABLAN and KATHERINE B. VILLANUEVA, Defendants.	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 12th day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 16th day of September, 2011 at 10 a.m., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

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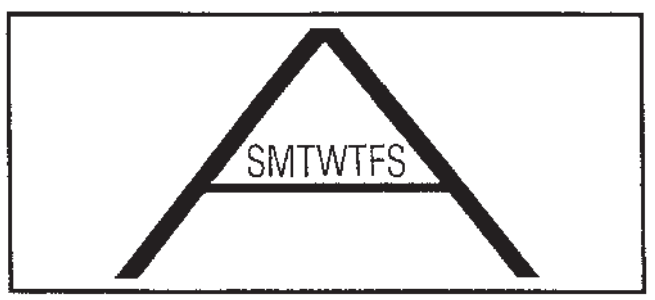

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Venus Williams pulls out of US Open with illness

Venus Williams, of the United States, pumps her first after defeating Vesna Dolonts, of Russia, 6-4, 6-3 during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday, Aug. 29, 2011. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Two days after playing her first match in two months, Venus Williams suddenly pulled out of the U.S. Open on Wednesday, revealing she recently was diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease that can cause joint pain.

The 31-year-old American has won seven Grand Slam titles, including at Flushing Meadows in 2000 and 2001.

"I enjoyed playing my first match here, and wish I could continue but right now I am unable to," Williams said in a statement released by the tournament. "I am thankful I finally have a diagnosis and am now focused on getting better and returning to the court soon."

She was supposed to face 22nd-seeded Sabine Lisicki in the second round Wednesday.

Williams cited a virus when withdrawing from hard-court tuneup tournaments since losing in the fourth round at Wimbledon in late June.

She returned to action Monday, beating Vesna Dolonts 6-4, 6-3 in the first round in New York, then said: "No one is more in one-match-at-a-time mode than me now at this tournament. It will just be one match at a time, for sure."

According to the Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation website, the disease is a chronic autoimmune illness in which people's white blood cells attack their moisture-producing glands. Common symptoms include dry eyes and dry mouth. As many as 4 million Americans have the disease.

In rare cases, it can cause arthritis and joint pain, said Dr. John Fitzgerald, director of clinical rheumatology at UCLA. Fitzgerald is not involved in treating Williams and does not know her symptoms or medical history. But, he said, if Williams has the typical symptoms, "it does not seem life-threatening or career-ending."

Williams arrived at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Wednesday hours before her match was scheduled to begin and tried warming up by hitting balls.

When Williams left the site shortly before 5 p.m., wearing a white sweater and purple shorts, she was asked by reporters whether she would say anything. She smiled and waved and shook her head to indicate, "No," then climbed into the back of a tournament transportation car and rode away.

"All of us came with the full expectation she'd be playing today. She was geared up to play her match," said Williams' agent, Carlos Fleming.

"I just hope she's OK," Fleming added, "and I hope she's healthy and going to be fine."

Despite all of her past success, including a brief stint at No. 1 in the rankings, Williams was unseeded at the U.S. Open, because she has fallen to 36th after a year of little action. Since reaching the semifinals at last year's U.S. Open, Williams has played only 11 matches, and the WTA projects that her ranking now will slide out of the top 100.

Her younger sister, Serena, a 13-time Grand Slam champion, is scheduled to play her second-round match Thursday.

"A lot of times, they've drawn a lot of criticism. But, trust me, (in) five years, when they're gone, everyone is going to miss them. Everyone is going to realize they're going to be living legends for the rest of their lives. Two girls from Compton, dominating tennis - that's not an everyday story," said 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick, who's known the Williams sisters for about two decades.

"Venus is just the epitome of class, the way she's gone about it," he said. "I don't think she's ever even had a sniff of controversy around her. She's just done it the right way."

On Monday, Venus Williams was asked about the illness that caused her to skip tournaments this summer. She said that night that her ailment had been diagnosed, but wouldn't say what it was.

"It was just energy-sucking, and I just couldn't play pro tennis," she said Monday. "It was disappointing, because I had huge plans for this summer, of course, to improve my ranking. To miss out on all those points was definitely devastating. Just to miss so much time off tour was just disheartening. But I'm just really excited to be back."

Lisicki said she saw Venus Williams on the practice courts and in the locker room and expected to play their match—until the tournament referee passed along the news of the withdrawal.

"She's a tough girl, and I think she'll come back. You know, it would be unfortunate if she couldn't," Lisicki said. "Serena and Venus both are amazing players, and it's nice to have them in the women's sport. I hope she comes back."

NBA lockout: Players, owners meet in Manhattan

NEW YORK (AP)—There's still time for a deal to keep the entire NBA season intact, though it's running out.

And with that in mind, owners and players realize it's time to stop talking about each other, and start talking to each other.

They returned to the bargaining table Wednesday, meeting for about six hours in just their second bargaining session since the league's lockout began on July 1.

"Everyone loses if we don't reach an agreement, that's something that I think has always been understood," union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. "But as we approach Sept. 1 and obviously the training camp schedule to start on Oct. 1, the urgency is just continuing to build and increase on both sides, and we're going to remain focused on finding a way to get this done."

Neither side offered any specifics or would say if progress was made, but said they plan many more meetings in hopes of having basketball begin without interruption.

"I don't see any benefit to characterizing our positions," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said, a thought repeated frequently by both sides.

"I will say we are not apart in terms of an agreed urgency on getting a deal done and we're not apart on the need to avoid missing games and we're not apart on the agreed impact that will have, not just on our teams and our players, but the communities in which they operate in as well."

Commissioner David Stern and San Antonio owner Peter Holt, head of the labor relations committee, also represented the owners at a Manhattan hotel. Executive director Billy Hunter and attorney Ron Klempner attended from the union.

The sides hadn't met since Aug. 1, despite saying they hoped to follow that with multiple sessions before the end of the month. They are far apart on major issues, but Stern said there is "clearly enough time" to make a deal that would allow the regular season to open as scheduled on Nov. 1.

He added he has no timetable for when cancelations might be necessary. The NBA quickly shot down a report this week they would happen at an owners meeting on Sept. 15.

"We don't have any deadlines in mind," Stern said. "We just have meetings in mind and discussions in mind."

Neither side would say when or where the next meetings would take place, indicating a desire for a level of privacy that has been largely absent in the process. Stern was critical of the players while meeting with the media after the Aug. 1 session, and Fisher said "things seem to get spun out of control, either by us or by them" whenever they talk specifics in the press.

"So we're just going to focus on the deal. That's all we can do," Fisher said. "We feel it's the best way to respect the process, to just try to do a better job of staying clear of that type of situation.

"We just feel that a little bit less—or a lot less—of talking outside of the room and more talking inside of the room is better for everyone," he added.

Fisher said there were no new proposals for a new deal. The players made the last one on June 30, an offer the league said would have increased average player salaries to nearly $7 million in the sixth year.

Owners, seeking significant salary reductions from the players after losing hundreds of millions of dollars in each year of the previous CBA, imposed the lockout hours later, and nothing much has happened since.

Stern set Labor Day weekend as an unofficial deadline for when progress needed to be made during an ESPN.com podcast earlier this month.

So, is he satisfied?

"We had a meeting before Labor Day and agreed that we would continue to meet," Stern said.

Following the schedule from the 1998 lockout, the only time the NBA lost games to a work stoppage, the NBA has a couple of weeks before anything is in jeopardy. The start of camps, then scheduled for Oct. 5, were postponed on Sept. 24, and the first preseason games weren't called off until Oct. 6.

The first exhibition games this year are set for Oct. 9, and maybe they can still happen.

"It's very obvious that coming out of the lockout being July 1 and into this part of August, it's very clear both sides are feeling a sense of urgency," Fisher said. "We're very focused on getting a deal done and that's how we'll proceed from this point going forward."

Red Sox beat Yankees, eke out AL East lead

BOSTON (AP)—Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the sixth inning to lift the Red Sox to a 9-5 win over the New York Yankees on Wednesday, improving their lead over their arch rivals in the American League East race.

The Red Sox moved 1-1/2 games above New York and improved to 11-3 against the Yankees this season.

David Ortiz and Jason Varitek also hit two-run homers for Boston.

Red Sox starter Josh Beckett (12-5) allowed six hits in seven innings, improving to 4-0 with a 1.85 ERA in five starts against the Yankees this season.

New York scored four runs in the sixth and went ahead 5-4, but in the bottom of the inning, Phil Hughes (4-5) allowed three runs, capped by Ellsbury's homer.

Rays 4, Rangers 1

In Arlington, James Shields pitched eight shutout innings to steer Tampa Bay past Texas.

Shields (13-10) walked only one and struck out seven, giving him 1,001 for his career.

Johnny Damon homered for the Rays.

David Murphy hit a two-out RBI single for Texas in the ninth, but Kyle Farnsworth struck out Yorvit Torrealba to end the game.

Texas starter Alexi Ogando (12-7) lasted only 2 2-3 innings, allowing three runs.

Tigers 5, Royals 4

In Detroit, Wilson Betemit capped Detroit's three-run eighth inning with a tiebreaking RBI double against his former team Kansas City.

Austin Jackson went 4 for 4 and scored three times for the AL Central-leading Tigers, while Miguel Cabrera added two hits.

Detroit reliever Daniel Schlereth (2-1) pitched an inning to get the victory and Jose Valverde got Alcides Escobar to fly out with runners on first and second to end the game.

Mariners 2, Angels 1

In Seattle, Felix Hernandez pitched a complete game to guide Seattle to a tight win over Los Angeles.

The loss prevented the Angels eroding Texas' 3-1/2 game lead in the AL West.

Hernandez (13-11), who dueled with Angels starter Dan Haren all night, walked one and struck out nine in his fifth complete game of the season.

At one point, Haren (13-8) retired 15 batters in a row. He allowed two earned runs, walked one and struck out seven in 7 2-3 innings.

He was removed after allowing Mike Carp's two-run double which proved to be the winning runs.

Indians 4, Athletics 3, 16 innings

In Cleveland, Jack Hannahan's single with one out in the 16th inning gave Cleveland victory over Oakland.

Jim Thome singled with one out off Josh Outman (3-4), the A's eighth pitcher, and was replaced by pinch-runner Cord Phelps. Carlos Santana lined a single to center before Hannahan, who hit two solo homers, singled to right. Phelps never slowed and was able to slip headfirst under the tag of catcher Kurt Suzuki, who had to jump to catch David DeJesus' strong throw.

The Indians won for the 17th time in their last at-bat at home and jumped Chicago in the division, staying 5-1/2 games behind first-place Detroit.

Frank Herrmann (4-0), Cleveland's sixth pitcher, worked four perfect innings for the win.

Twins 7, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Jason Kubel and Luke Hughes homered during Minnesota's six-run first inning, and the Twins snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Kubel and Hughes each hit a two-run shot off Jake Peavy (6-7), who allowed four consecutive extra-base hits during his rocky opening inning. Trevor Plouffe, Joe Mauer and Michael Cuddyer hit three straight doubles to score the first two runs.

Minnesota starter Scott Diamond (1-2) allowed three hits in six innings to earn his first major league win. Joe Nathan yielded two runs in the ninth before finishing to secure the save.

Blue Jays 13, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Henderson Alvarez became the youngest Toronto starter to win a game since 1979 as the Blue Jays pumped Baltimore.

Alvarez (1-2) allowed three hits in eight innings, facing the minimum 21 batters through seven innings. At 21 years and 135 days, he is the youngest Toronto pitcher to earn a victory in 14 years and the youngest starter to win since Phil Huffman 32 years ago.

Jose Bautista, Kelly Johnson, Jose Molina and Edwin Encarnacion all homered for the Blue Jays, who matched a season high with 20 hits. Bautista now has 39 homers this season.

Phillies 3, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Philadelphia's Hunter Pence homered for the second straight game as the Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds, putting the National League leaders a season-best 40 games over .500.

Pence led off the sixth with a homer off Dontrelle Willis (0-4), extending his hitting streak to seven games.

Philadelphia starter Cliff Lee (15-7) got his sixth straight win, coming within one out of a shutout before being removed with two outs and bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth.

Lee hasn't lost in five weeks and has given up only six earned runs in his last six starts. He's been especially tough on the road, where he hasn't allowed a run in his last 30 2-3 innings.

The Phillies' second straight shutout gave them 19 this season, most in the majors.

Braves 3, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, two milestone home runs—Chipper Jones' 450th and Derek Lowe's first—gave Atlanta the early lead and victory over Washington.

Jones hit his homer in the second inning. The 38-year-old Lowe lined a full-count pitch over left field in the third inning for his first homer in his 405th career at-bat. Lowe, a career .149 hitter, entered the game hitting .182 this season.

Lowe (9-12) gave up only two hits over the first six innings. Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 41st save, setting a major league rookie record.

Dodgers 4, Padres 2

In Los Angeles, Matt Kemp got his career-high 102nd RBI of the season as Los Angeles defeated San Diego.

Rod Barajas put the Dodgers ahead with a two-run homer off the left-field foul pole in the second inning, and the hosts went on to complete a three-game sweep.

It was the eighth win in nine games for the Dodgers, who moved into third place in the NL West. The Padres lost their season-high seventh straight.

Mets 3, Marlins 2

In New York, Lucas Duda hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning as New York rallied to edge Florida.

Jason Bay had three hits, including the tying single, and David Wright hit two long doubles high off the wall in left field for the Mets, who have won five of six. The third baseman also made a diving stop on Omar Infante's hot grounder for the second out of the ninth, helping Bobby Parnell get the save.

Giants 4, Cubs 0

In San Francisco, pitcher Madison Bumgarner matched his career high with 11 strikeouts, leading San Francisco over Chicago, avoiding a series sweep.

Bumgarner (9-12) went eight scoreless innings, while Jeff Keppinger and Pablo Sandoval hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning for the hosts.

Keppinger then drove in a run with a single in the fifth off Rodrigo Lopez (4-6), who lost his third straight outing and dropped to 0-5 in eight career starts against San Francisco.

Ex-boxing champ De La Hoya admits addictions

BOXING

Former boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya says he has contemplated suicide and has been going to rehabilitation to treat drug and alcohol dependency.

In an interview with Spanish-language network Univision that aired Tuesday, De La Hoya said he has been sober for three months after hitting rock bottom over the past two years.

"Rock bottom was recently," De La Hoya said, according to an English-language transcript provided by the network. "Within a couple of years, just thinking if my life was even worth it. I don't have the strength, I don't have the courage to take my own life but I was thinking about it."

De La Hoya says he has been sober for three months after undergoing treatment and joining Alcoholics Anonymous.

He said he was unfaithful to his wife and that they temporarily separated.

"We are obviously not talking a Tiger Woods here, but I was unfaithful," De La Hoya said.

De La Hoya

De La Hoya retired in 2009 after a 16-year career in which he won 10 world titles in six divisions and became boxing's most popular fighter.

De La Hoya was thoroughly beaten by Manny Pacquiao in his last fight. He won his last title in May 2006, beating Ricardo Mayorga in six rounds for the WBC light middleweight belt. He finished with a record of 39-6 and 30 knockouts.

Known as "The Golden Boy," De La Hoya transcended his sport, using his bilingual skills to generate crossover appeal among Latinos and whites.

He began boxing at age 5, following in the path of his grandfather and father. He won an Olympic gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Games, delivering on a promise to his late mother, Cecilia, who died of breast cancer two years earlier.

"There were drugs, my drug of choice was cocaine and alcohol. Cocaine was recent. The last 2 years, last 2 1/2 years and I depended more in the alcohol than the cocaine," De La Hoya said. "It took me to a place where I felt safe, it took me to a place where I felt as if nobody can say anything to me, it took me to a place where I just can reach out and grab my mom." ***(AP)***

ED JOHNSON

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important family in our tennis community," Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race said.

Johnson was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006 when he went away on a trip to Gold Coast, Australia for the World Masters Games. In the Land Down Under, he played for Guam in the 60-and-above basketball competition and his team made it to the finals against Russia.

"We lost in the finals by eight points and settled for a silver medal. Ed said he never won a medal in off-island competitions, so the one we had in Gold Coast in 2006 was his first. Ed was a very good player who loved to hustle a lot. When he was called out to play, he gave his best in every game, especially on defense," said CNMI referee Arnold Mesa, who coached Johnson in the 2006 competition.

After being diagnosed with leukemia, Johnson left Saipan with his family to seek treatment in Florida. While in Florida, Johnson coached a wheelchair tennis team.

He returned to Saipan in 2009 after a brief recovery and even played in the doubles competition in the 9th Annual PIC Tennis Championships.

Besides tennis and basketball, Johnson was also involved in athletics.

Northern Marianas Athletics head coach Elias Rangamar said Johnson was the first president of an athletics group in the Commonwealth.

"He is a great loss to the sports community. Ed always found time to help out in athletics, basketball, and tennis tournaments," Rangamar said.

When not playing, Johnson did umpiring duties in tennis competitions and officiated basketball games in the private school league.

Johnson's daughter, Melody, said his father's passion in sports influenced her to join various competitions, and excel in them. Melody played for the CNMI U15 Team that won the silver medal in the 2011 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau in June last year. She then represented the CNMI in the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last month, joining the same tournament for the third time. Melody also plays soccer and futsal.

"He was the one who pushed me to work harder on my games. It's hard that he won't be around in my games, but I will continue to play and make him proud," Melody said.

"For all that you are Ed, thanks for the great memories and friendship. May the angels meet and guide your ship on a tranquil journey to the land of paradise," Johnson's wife, Delia, said.

Johnson, a former merchant marine captain, will be buried at sea this Saturday.

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Guam anew. The Commonwealth sluggers met Guam twice in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau and prevailed in both matches. In round-robin play, the CNMI won by four, 6-2, and then downed Guam in the semifinals, 6-3, to arrange the gold medal match against Palau.

According to Rogolifoi, Guam is fielding the same players who saw action in last year's Micro Games.

"Guam has the offensive skills, but with good defense we should be able to play up to par with them. Pitching wise, I believe we have Franco Flores, Vince Cepeda, Tom Joab, and Craig Sanchez ready to the take their pitching responsibilities," Rogolifoi said.

"We have to work on our batting and adjust to the wind, which blows in from the left field. I told them to try and stay inside the ball and go the opposite field, which favors left-handed hitters. Against New Caledonia, the boys were hitting a lot of grounders and with the new turf these grounders are easily handled," the CNMI manager added.

Rogolifoi's wards led New Caledonia, 2-0, with one inning to go, but dropped the match after the hosts scored three unearned runs.

"The seventh inning started with a costly error committed by our third baseman trying to execute a double play to end the match with one out. A routine grounder turned into a blunder when Jess Iguel over threw a possible double play to Juan Maratita, who was covering second, and puts runners on first and third. Starting pitcher Elton Santos then plunked the next batter to load the bases. Franco Flores relieved Santos after the hit by pitch," Rogolifoi said.

"The second out was a routine grounder to first. With the bases still full, first baseman Byron Kaipat dropped to his knees to catch a hard grounder, however the ball slipped away resulting in the winning run from third," he added.

Pending yesterday's results, the CNMI (1-1) shares second place with New Caledonia, Palau, and Fiji, while Guam won its first two games. Fiji and Palau were scheduled to meet in the first game yesterday, while American Samoa was to collide against New Caledonia in the second game.

Only the Top 4 teams after the round-robin play will advance to the playoffs. The Top 2 finishers will battle for the first finals berth with the loser meeting the winner of the No. 3 vs. No. 4 game for the second and last championship seat.

"We are taking one game at a time and if our plan works out well, then we have Josh Jones and Elton Santos ready for the playoffs," Rogolifoi said.

Back-to-back 76s for Taylor

Meanwhile, the golf competitions in the 2011 Pacific Games continued yesterday.

Jeff Taylor gave the CNMI's its best showing after two rounds of play, as he totaled 152 after shooting 76 on both days. Adam Hardwicke improved to an 86 in the second round after carding an 89 in the opening round last Wednesday. Tony Satur also played better in the second round with his 92, two strokes better than his 94 in the first round. Jess Wabol withdrew from the competition due to his back injury.

After two rounds, Taylor is in seventh place among the more than 40 golfers. He is 11 shots behind leader Adrien Peres of New Caledonia. Peres had a 69 in the second round, one stroke better than his 70 in the first round for a two-day total of 139.

Besides golf and baseball, the CNMI will still compete in beach volleyball and athletics, which will start on Sept. 5 and 3, respectively.

After six days of competition, New Caledonia has collected 32 gold medals, 32 silver, and 13 bronze to lead the 22-nation field. Tahiti stayed in second place with its 16-7-8, while Fiji is at third with its 11-9-14.

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MEN'S
Docomo 11, Mellow Yellow 3

In the first men's match, Docomo routed Mellow Yellow, 11-3.

The win was sixth in 10 games for Docomo, putting the team in a tie for second place with Korean Futsal Team.

Dan Westphal did most of the damage for Docomo, scoring five goals, while Ropati Tonuu logged three. Isra Harahap, Peter Loken, and Tom Linden contributed one each.

Young Sin Lim scored twin goals for Mellow Yellow, while Dhiras Chetry had one.

IT&E Men 4, Go Green 3

In the other men's game, IT&E Men edged Go Green 4-3.

IT&E Men secured its fourth win in 12 games. Kirk Schuler logged two goals for IT&E, making both of them in the second half. Byong Ha Kim and Jin Han Yoon recorded one each.

Kim scored his lone goal in the first half to force a deadlock at halftime, 1-all. Kris put Go Green in the scoreboard in the opening frame. Then in the second frame, Ruselle Zapanta hit two goals, but Schuler answered with his own twin goals, while Yoon also found the back of the net once for the win.

HUNGRY

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am not tired of boxing."

Pacquiao went five rounds on the punch-mitts, worked on the two-ball and the speed ball, skipped rope and did his usual abdominal exercises.

He also found time to put on the punch mitts for a couple of rounds with popular ABC 5 radio-TV personality Angelicopter.

Explaining why he started training early for the Marquez trilogy, Pacquiao said "its better to warm up early. This is the start of my training which I actually started on Monday and will continue."

Top Rank promoter Bob Arum, speaking to the Inquirer from Los Angeles hours before boarding a Philippine Airlines flight to Manila with Marquez, his trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain, Top Rank president Todd Dubuoef and a Mexican TV crew that's following Marquez, said he was pleased that Pacquiao was taking the fight seriously because "this guy is very, very tough for a fighter like Manny who comes right to him. He is a great, great counter-puncher."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	83	52	.615	–
New York	81	53	.604	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	74	61	.548	9
Toronto	68	68	.500	15 1/2
Baltimore	54	80	.403	28 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	75	61	.551	–
Cleveland	68	65	.511	5 1/2
Chicago	68	66	.507	6
Minnesota	57	79	.419	18
Kansas City	56	81	.409	19 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	77	60	.562	–
Los Angeles	73	63	.537	3 1/2
Oakland	60	76	.441	16 1/2
Seattle	58	77	.430	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	86	46	.652	–
Atlanta	80	55	.593	7 1/2
New York	65	69	.485	22
Washington	63	71	.470	24
Florida	60	75	.444	27 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	81	56	.591	–
St. Louis	72	64	.529	8 1/2
Cincinnati	67	69	.493	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	62	74	.456	18 1/2
Chicago	59	78	.431	22
Houston	47	90	.343	34

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	78	59	.569	–
San Francisco	72	65	.526	6
Los Angeles	65	70	.481	12
Colorado	64	73	.467	14
San Diego	60	77	.438	18

Yesterday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 2
San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Florida 2
Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 3, Washington 1
Houston 2, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 4, Colorado 2
Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 6
Cleveland 4, Oakland 3, 16 innings
Toronto 13, Baltimore 0
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
Tampa Bay 4, Texas 1
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1

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LOCAL SCORES

PACIFIC GAMES MEDAL STANDINGS

Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
New Caledonia	33	32	13	78
Tahiti	16	7	8	31
Fiji Islands	11	9	14	34
PNG	7	6	5	18
Tonga	2	2	4	8
Samoa	0	4	6	10
Guam	0	3	1	4
Solomon Islands	0	0	3	3
Wallis & Futuna	0	0	3	3
Cook Islands	0	0	2	2
Tokelau	0	0	0	0
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0
Niue	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0
Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	0	0	0
FSM	0	0	0	0
American Samoa	0	0	0	0

FUTSAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Women's

	W	L	D
Shirley's A	9	1	0
Shirley's B	7	3	0
IT&E Awesome	6	2	1
Red Team	6	5	0
Thai Team	3	4	2
Kulet's Team	3	5	1
Mellow Yellow	3	7	0
IT&E Blossom	0	10	0

Men's

	W	L	D
Wild Bill's	9	1	0
Korean Futsal	6	2	2
Docomo	6	2	2
Red Inter	4	3	2
Go Green	4	3	3
IT&E Men	4	7	1
Mellow Yellow	2	8	0
Thundercats	0	10	0

NMIFA hosts referee clinics

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Guam Football Association referee instructor and referee committee vice chairman George Stewart gives instructions to participants in a referee clinic in February this year at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is hosting a series of referee clinics in time for its fall league this month and future competitions.

The clinics are for referees and assistant referees and will cover both theoretical and practical sessions. The certified basic referees clinic already started last night at the NMIFA office at the TSL Plaza in Garapan. The theoretical portion of the clinic will continue tonight from 6pm to 8pm, also at the NMIFA office. Then tomorrow, it will be a whole day session for participants, from 8am to 4pm. The Saturday session will cover pitch lessons.

The last two sessions of the clinic for certified referees will take place on Sept. 8 and 10. The fourth session will run from 6pm to 8pm at the NMIFA office, while the Sept. 10 event is divided into two parts with the field training set from 8am to 11am and the theoretical session returning at the NMIFA office from 1pm to 4pm.

Each club is allowed to have one male and one female representative at the clinic. For each men's squad, they can bring a maximum of two individuals.

The clinic for assistant referees will be held only for two days or on Sept. 17 and 18. The first part of the clinic will run from 6pm to 8pm at the NMIFA office, while field and office training sessions will take place from 8am to 3pm on Sept. 18. Both the men's teams and clubs are allowed to have one representative at the clinic.

Both clinics are free and will be conducted by members and officials of the NMIFA Referee Committee.

"We expect to have 20 to 22 participants for each training course. Our fall league will begin in the latter part of September and it'll be a great opportunity for new certified referees to practice what they have learned. Eventually after putting in the time and officiating enough games, they will move up to the competitive level. The more experience one gets, the more he or she becomes comfortable in officiating matches," NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said.

Salas also explained NMIFA follows three stages as far as certification of referees is concerned. First is the "certified basic referee" where individuals primarily officiate at the club level and must have a minimum experience of one season of refereeing and a positive assessment from the referee committee to advance. The next stage is the "certified assistant referee" who may help officiate games in the competitive level, such as the U15, U18, and women's and men's divisions based on ability. The third and last one is "certified referee 3" or those in charge of competitive level matches.

"As we continue to grow and more teams play in the competitive level, it is essential that we continue to offer these referee courses to new and experience referees to insure that we have sufficient number of referees to officiate our games," Salas said.

"We have a very busy schedule during the course of the year and we don't want to tax our pool of referees. When we have a large pool of qualified referees, it is much easier for the referee committee to work on the schedule of matches. NMIFA would like to thank the referee committee for conducting these courses and we hope that referee aspirants take advantage of the opportunity," he added.

MISO maps out 2011-2012 sports schedule

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Saipan Southern High School beats Kagman High School in one of last season's Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Outrigger events held at Kilili Beach.

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As the Public School System prepares for the start of the school year Tuesday, the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization is also planning its 2011-2012 sports schedule.

The sport seasons are divided into three segments throughout the semester.

The association is requesting for all interested schools to contact them as soon as possible to confirm in which sports they would like to participate.

General feedback is also welcome to help MISO better improve its programs.

"Our goal is to make every season even better than the last. That being said, the general public is a stakeholder in the success of our programs and we are asking for new ideas, criticisms (whether positive or negative) and anything else that can help us achieve our objective. The sooner we find out how many teams we have for each sport, the sooner we can plan out the budgets and game schedules," said MISO acting president Nick Gross in an email on Wednesday.

Currently, the MISO sports schedule is mapped out to offer varsity and junior varsity girls basketball, varsity boys volleyball, boys and girls varsity cross country from September through November, and hope to organize boys varsity baseball starting sometime in early October.

Soon after, MISO will offer junior and varsity boys basketball, varsity girls volleyball, and varsity girls soccer from December to February 2012.

Then from March through May 2012, MISO plans to offer girls varsity fast-pitch softball, varsity boys soccer, as well as both boys and girls varsity track and field, outrigger canoeing and golf.

Gross said increased parent involvement and help from local volunteers are always in demand.

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Three teams lead divisions in SEDA

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Bar Gaia's Gaiana-B, Es'y Kitchen's SOS Akiramenai, and Jonny's Bar & Grill's Team CUC currently sit atop their respective the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's divisions after last week's matchups.

Gaiana-B bested the Dutty Gunz, 9-6, on the road at VFW Post 3457 to stretch its lead in the B-Flame Tree Division to four games for a win-loss record of 21-9; other match results were not provided.

D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Sabalu and Joe's Steakhouse's TBA One Shot are knotted at second place with identical records of 17-13 with D'Pirates Chagi Sang in the mix at 16-12.

Naked Fish's Team Na'Gupu (14-16), D'Pirates Lucky Dart (14-16), Joe's Skorgazzzums (12-18), and Oleai's Why Not make up the rest of the class (9-21).

SOS Akiramenai was upset by Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Echoserong Kamote, 6-7, at home last week, but still clings to a two-game lead in the eight-team B-Fanihi division.

Kamote improved to 19-11 and into second place, while Bar Gaia's World-B and Oleai's No Fear are tied for third place with identical 18-12 records.

Matchup details were not provided, but Dutty Gunz (15-15), Jonny's Sekid (12-18), Oleai's Oh Yeah! (12-18), and Esy's Kitchen Shooters (5-25) round out the bottom four.

CUC defeated sister-team NMC Proa (9-21), 12-3, in a home match last Friday to improve to a 22-8 slate in the inter-government league. CUC's Joy Silva scored a High-Out 106 in the match.

The team currently holds a two-game lead over Oleai's AG's Sakude!, which edged out Jonny's DPS Enforcers (11-19), 8-7, at home. Sakude's Jayson John posted a High-In 160 in the match.

Meanwhile, DYS Atdit (17-13) remains in third place despite being upset by DPW Troubleshooters (11-19), 10-5, on the road at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill.

Shirley's caging meeting Monday

The 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League will hold another organizational meeting on Monday, Sept. 5, 6:30pm at the Shirley's Coffee Shop in Garapan.

League coordinator Boy Lingcaso said all participating teams must send a representative to the meeting. The last day to turn in team rosters will also be during the meeting.

Lingcaso said so far 14 teams have already confirmed their participation in the caging. The list includes inaugural champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc., Mobil, PSS/McGraw-Hill, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Hanwa/World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Pacific Trading, Wushin, Fresco, Grillin', DFS, GPPC, Marianas Health Services, and host Shirley's.

Each team is allowed to recruit only five players outside their companies.

Organizers are planning to hold games in the Shirley's caging every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Meetings and other details about the league will be announced later.

Last year, 10 teams joined the second edition of the Shirley's caging with Pacific Islands Club winning over Aqua Resort Club in the best-of-three title series. In 2009, MBI swept Advance in the best-of-three finals,

For more information about this year's Shirley's caging, contact Lingcaso at 233-4519 or 287-2926. ***(PR)***

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CNMI vows to come back vs Guam

»Taylor in 7th place in golf; Wabol withdraws

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Left, CNMI manager Tony Rogolifoi, seen here giving instructions to the batter during their game against Palau in the 2010 Micronesian Games, is positive about the team's chances against Guam in today's match in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia. Top, Jeff Taylor shot 76s in the first and second round of the golf competition in Noumea.

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The CNMI Baseball Team returns to the field today and is optimistic of its chances against archrival Guam when they collide at 10am (9am Saipan time) at the Baseball Mont-Dore in New Caledonia.

"I am confident we will rebound from yesterday's loss," manager Tony Rogolifoi said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* a day after the CNM dropped its game against New Caledonia, 2-3, last Wednesday afternoon.

Rogolifoi said they will be doing the necessary adjustments to regain their winning form and beat

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Edwin 'Ed' Johnson, 74

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The sports community is mourning Edwin "Ed" Johnson, who passed away last Monday due to a lingering illness.

He was 74.

"Ed was certainly an avid tennis player. He loved to talk tennis and play the game. He coached his daughter Melody in her formative years. He loved to play in the men's open singles division and always thought he had a chance to win. Unfortunately, his long illness kept him off the court. But he was happy to see Melody's successes, as she has been one of the top junior players in our region for some time. Ed met his wife, Delia, at the courts and along with stepson Johnny, they have all been an

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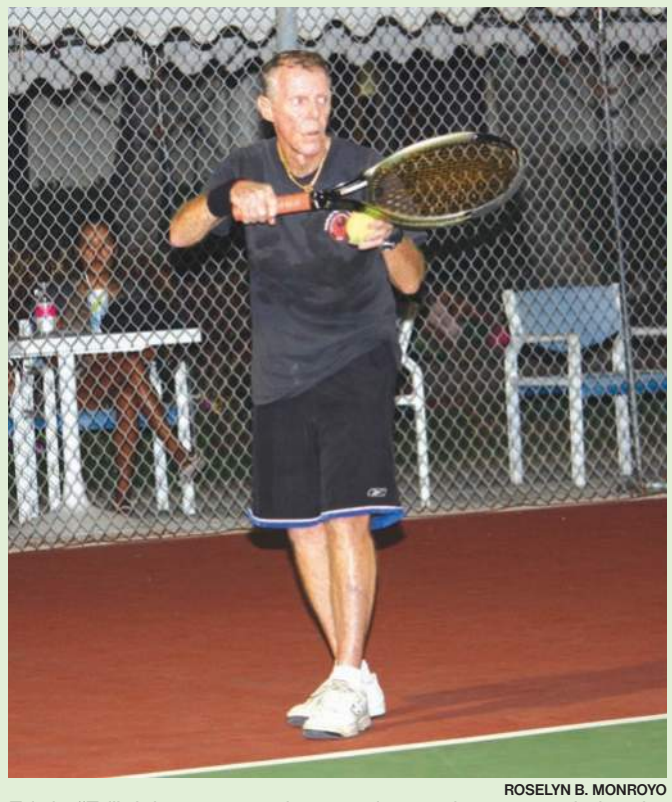

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Edwin "Ed" Johnson, seen here getting ready to serve during the PIC tournament in 2009, passed away last Monday.

Shirley's A widens lead in women's league

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Shirley's A stretched its lead to two in the women's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League after shutting out Thai Team on Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's A now has a 9-1-0 win-loss-record, keeping its distance against sister team and second running Shirley's B.

Jeraldine Castillo and Irish Pagarao canned two goals each for Shirley's A's lopsided victory over Thai Team, which dropped to a 3-4-2 card for fifth place in the eight-team field.

Red Team 5, Shirley's A 4

In the other women's game, Red Team notched back-to-back wins after pulling off a close 5-4 triumph over Shirley's A.

Red Team, which downed Kulet's Team last Tuesday, 5-1, improved to a 6-5-0 mark for fourth place in the team standings. Shirley's A dropped to a 7-3-0 card, losing the match despite leading in the first half.

Mikky Vargas, Alexa Vergara, and Marriele Gariguez logged one goal each for Shirley's A, lifting their team to a 3-1 lead at the break. Amber Roberts scored Red Team's lone goal in the first half.

After a slow start, Red Team came out smoking in the second half, firing four goals to steal the win. Megan Herber anchored Red Team's recovery, drilling two goals while Temary Gramlich and Zoe Jewell chipped in one apiece.

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Jeraldine Castillo of league-leading Shirley's A dribbles during their game against IT&E Blossom in the first round of the women's futsal competition at the TSL Sports Complex.

'Hungry' Pacquiao hits gym early

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MANILA, Philippines—Pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao says his "hunger and interest in boxing remain" and that is one of the reasons he started training as early as Monday for his showdown with Juan Manuel Marquez at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on November 12.

Pacquiao had a fairly light, enjoyable workout at the Planet Jupiter Gym in Makati on Tuesday evening.

"Boxing gave me life from the time I was a kid," he told the Inquirer. "This is my job. I need to work well and train hard. I

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AP

Pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines hits the gym with longtime trainer Freddie Roach.